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Drug-raid wine shop licence is suspended

A WEST Bromwich wine merchants has had its licence suspended after around £100,000 worth of drugs was seized there during during a police raid.

Officers swooped on Hill Top Wines and recovered 1kg of cocaine, 1kg of cannabis and pills and a large number of tablets believed to be ecstasy.

At a licensing review on Tuesday Sandwell Council chiefs decided to suspend the premises licence while further investigations take place.

Police raided the shop and the flat above after receiving calls from members of the community and executed the drugs warrant on Thursday, July 12.

A 29-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possession of class A drugs with intent to supply.

Chairman of the licensing committee, Councillor Peter Allen, said: "We were satisfied that the evidence presented to us by the police was sufficient for us to suspend the licence.

"A full licence review for the premises will take place on August 16."

Inspector Akeel Najib said found drugs in various parts of the property.

He said: "We were very pleased with the outcome of this raid, and we are pleased we could act on intelligence which passed on to us from the community."

Schools give up 4 houses

FOUR empty houses which used to be occupied by school employees are to be taken over as council homes.

They used to house school caretakers or site managers.

Mesty Croft Academy, Wednesbury, has given up ownership of 1 Oxford Street to Sandwell Council's homes and communities department. Causeway Green Primary has given up on 1 Grafton Road, Oldbury, Lodge Primary has let 5 Oak Lane, West Bromwich, go and Holly Lodge Foundation High School no longer needs 84 Holly Lane, Smethwick

Parents' delight over hospital tests for rare birth disorder

Rebekah Youlden and Arron Harvey with Noah and Ruby

THE parents of two children who have one of the rarest genetic conditions in the world are thrilled that Birmingham Children's hospital will test newborns for the disorder as part of a pilot study.

Rebekah Youlden and Arron Harvey, from Wednesbury, were horrified when their sixth child Noah, now four, suffered a series of inexplicable seizures when he was 10 months old.

It was later discovered he had the rare condition, Glutaric Aciduria Type 1 – a disorder affecting only one in two million children. Sadly, Noah was left with permanent brain damage. Their seventh child, Ruby who is now aged two was also born with the condition.

The couple have spent years campaigning for hospitals to test for the condition at birth, as they believe their son's life would have been different if he had been diagnosed like Ruby.

Birmingham Children's Hospital has now announced it is taking part in a pilot study which will see thousands of babies across the West Midlands tested for five rare conditions.

Ms Youlden, aged 33, said she was delighted. She said: "If it stops one other family going through what we went through, well that makes all the difference.

"We are just hoping they will keep it going after the pilot study, and keep testing babies. Noah is a lovely little boy who always has a smile on his face but people find it hard to believe that he and Ruby have the same disease."

HIGH PRICE FOR PARKING FINES

THE cost of administering fines for on street parking in Sandwell has been defended after it emerged the council had a deficit of more than £50,000 in a single year.

More than 4,500 car parking fines were cancelled or written-off by by the local authority in a single year, figures have revealed.

By Lisa Wright

The council generated £1.835m in income, but spent £1.887m meaning it was left with a deficit of more than £51,000.

However, the borough's neighbourhoods boss Councillor Ian Jones defended the deficit saying the collection of fines was "not a money making exercise".

The borough council collected just three quarters of penalty charge notices for on street parking between April 1 2010 and March 31 2011, figures released under the Freedom of Information Act show.

Cancelled

The figures reveal that in the 12 month period the council issued 25,056 penalty charge notices of which 18,171 were paid - 75.52 per cent.

Almost a fifth – 18.27 per cent were cancelled or written off – a total of 4,580, while 308 were unpaid.

Councillor Jones, cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said: "Some of these written off would be blue badge holders or people with disabilities so we can actually see that we take very seriously the appeals that are being put in to the system and obviously shows that they authority isn't all about revenue, it is about collecting appropriate fines when they are levied."

He added: "The difficulties that we have is that this service has never been about making money, it is about making areas of towns appropriately parked and some of the issues about on street parking were coming from shopkeepers themselves saying people were parking there all day so we have addressed those issues.

"This isn't about a money making exercise, it is all about appropriateness of parking."

Bakery helps spice up athletes' welcome

Errol Drummond, right, with Darrell Grant and Tobi Omujolaibi

TWO of the fastest men in the world received a taste of the 'Caribbean' when they arrived in Birmingham recently thanks to Smethwick's Sunrise Bakery.

It agreed a deal with Birmingham City Council and the University of Birmingham to supply its rum cake to the 80 members Jamaican track and field team, including Olympic champion Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake, received a commemorative Paradise Estates cake.

The firm, which employs 27 people at its Woodlands Street bakery, also worked with Sugarcraft Box to create an Olympic-themed cake that formed the centrepiece of displays at a gala dinner held this week.

Delighted managing director Errol Drummond said: "It was a great opportunity for us to welcome the Jamaican team to Birmingham and hopefully make them feel immediately at home.

"The cake is made from a secret family recipe and is made up of dried fruit, soaked in port, sherry and Caribbean rum. We first launched it last year and demand has come from all over the UK – some people are actually using it as a celebration cake.

"Each athlete had either a fruit or plain rum cake waiting for them in their room. It is specially decorated to mark the Olympics so they can either use it as a keepsake or a 'treat . . . naturally to enjoy after they've competed."

New jobs at repair training centre

JOBS have been created at a training centre teaching car body repairs that opened in Wednesbury this week.

Chris Arnold has launched Bridge Automotives Academy in a former distribution warehouse on Bridge Business Park.

Eight new positions will be created at the site.

The 47-year-old said he had spent "a significant amount" refurbishing the unit with new equipment and machinery such as giant ovens for applying paint and computer equipment for online testing.

"Everyone who has been involved in this project is really excited to finally get it open," said Mr Arnold.

"We plan to visit companies and offer training suited to their needs.

"There is not a training centre in the area that offers this so we think it will be something really valuable."

Father-of-two Mr Arnold has been working in body shop repairs for the past 20 years and noticed the Midlands was lacking a training academy where others in the industry could brush up on body shop skills such as wheel alignment and damage assessments.

He took over the warehouse in Bridge Street in April and immediately got to work transforming the 7,000 sq ft building.

Award for women help

A GROUP of Sandwell volunteers who make sure opportunties are provided for hard to reach young women have been honoured with a national award.

The Spices Smethwick Young Women's Forum received the Princess Diana Champion Volunteer Award.

Women in the group have given up their lunch and after school times to meet every Tuesday at Holly Lodge High School, Smethwick. They support and provide opportunities for personal development for themselves and their peers.

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Classroom plan for ambulance station

PUPILS will be taught in a former West Bromwich ambulance station as a school battles to create extra places due to a baby boom.

Sandwell Council is putting in an offer on the former station on Hargate Road, to give it enough room to extend the neighbouring Hargate Primary School.

And now a decision has been made to adapt the building into a teaching block – rather than demolish the site and rebuild a new extension.

Education councillor Bob Badham made the decision at private meeting last week.

West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust announced in May that they were putting the station along with four others in the Black Country on the market as part of ongoing cost-saving measures.

The council has now revealed it has made an offer for the station, which is on Hargate Road. The station was put on the market for £235,000.

The site is located next to Hargate Primary School, which has been identified as a school that could be expanded to take additional pupils in response to the increased birth rate across the borough.

The Hateley Heath ward has been identified as an area where birth rates have significantly risen, and the expansion will enable the school to convert from a one- form entry to a two-form entry. Over a seven-year period this will create an additional 210 places.

Councillor Badham said: "We have had meetings with officers and what we are going to do is use the ambulance building and convert it into teaching space.

"We have looked at it and it will save us money in the long term because we haven't got to construct any new buildings.

"It will just be a case of adapting the buildings so that we can get an extra form of entry into the school. The actual ambulance station will become part of the school. We feel it is going to be viable."

Car knocks new father off bike then hits wall

A NEW father escaped with bruises and an injured wrist after being knocked off his motorbike by a car which then mounted the pavement and smashed into a house.

Alastair Lee was riding to his West Bromwich home, after seeing his newborn son and girlfriend in hospital, when the accident happened just yards from his house.

The black BMW ploughed through a front garden, hitting the front garage of the home, leaving its owner to count the cost of the repair work.

Mr Lee, aged 20, was just about to turn into Pimpernel Drive, on the Yew Tree estate, West Bromwich, when his Kawasaki ER-5 motorbike was struck from behind by the BMW.

Pieces

The collision knocked him to the ground, with the bike landing on top of his leg. The motorbike, worth more than £1,000, is thought to be a write-off. Mr Lee had been at Walsall Manor Hospital to see his son Riley, who was born premature last Tuesday, and 28-year-old girlfriend Jennifer Hollis.

"I was in pieces, I couldn't get up. I was just so thankful the neighbours came out to help me," said Mr Lees, an apprentice chef who lives in Clary Grove.

"I've been trying to sell the bike and looking to buy a car for us now we have Riley. There is so much going on at the moment, you just don't need this."

New-father Alastair Lee, 20, with his motorbike

Glen Burke surveys the damage to his house

Resident Glen Burke had been with family inside his house and had just got up to go to the door when he heard a loud bang, just after 8.30pm on Saturday.

When he got outside he saw smoke billowing from the car, which had embedded itself in the garage adjoining the front of his house. Mr Burke is awaiting an insurance assessment but believes the front of the garage will have to be demolished due to it being unsafe.

"I was just so thankful the car didn't come through our front bay window with us inside," said the 60-year-old. It is going to cost a bit to put right."

Police and fire crews attended the scene. Paramedics treated Mr Lee as well as checking over the woman driver of the car and her male passenger.

Mr Lee was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital for precautionary checks but was released later that night.

Investigations are continuing into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

Parking fears over restaurant

A RESIDENTS group fears plans to turn a Smethwick pub into a restaurant and apartments could cause parking chaos.

Developers want to change the ground floor of former New Talbot, Hagley Road, Smethwick, into a restaurant, with a separate unit for hot and cold takeaway. They also want to build a first and second floor extension to create 10 apartments.

But members of the Poplar, Anderson and Drayton Road Residents' Group have expressed serious concerns about plans. A number said at a meeting on Wednesday they had fears about the parking due the numbers of staff who will be required to operate a restaurant, as well as customers and residents of the flats. They said the area already had limited evening parking as part of a residents' parking zone.

They also voiced concerns about traffic management on a difficult and dangerous junction.

Funds found for leisure site

MONEY needed to pay for a £6 million leisure centre in Wednesbury will be found from existing council budgets with the authority not needing to borrow the cash, Sandwell's finance chief said.

Sandwell Council has ordered an urgent replacement for the dilapidatedWednesbury Leisure Centre.

It will be the same design as a new pool being erected in Tipton in a bid to save money. Finance boss, Councillor Steve Eling said funding could be found from existing savings in the council's budget. He said: "I have identified what I think will be enough money to pay for the new Wednesbury Leisure Centre.

"We have been paying less in interest charges than had been originally forecast and that has given me a surplus that can only be used for one-off expenditure."

He added: "It will be good if I can pull that off and I am pretty confident at being able to do that."

Tenants will get homes revamp

HUNDREDS of tenants on a Tipton estate are to benefit frommajor improvements to their homes.

Sandwell's housing boss has announed the work will take place under the Investment Programme on the Cotterills Farm Tenant Management Organisation.

Properties under the organisation's management, as well as those continuing to be managed by Sandwell Homes, are being surveyed by Sandwell Homes to identify what work is required.

Residents can expect upgrades or full replacement of kitchens, bathrooms, central heating systems, electrical rewires and external work including roofing.

The survey will assesses the age and condition of existing facilities before a decision on what work will take place is made.

Work is expected to start in the autumn and will be delivered in partnership between Sandwell Homes and Vinci Facilities.

Borough housing boss, Councillor Simon Hackett said: "This is great news for the people at Cotterills Farm and during our discussisons with them and their representatives it has been clear that they are delighted to get the improvements."

Clothes line from cousins

SANDWELL cousins Warren Dawson and Raffael Welcome have launched their own clothing brand.

Supervillainclub is initially selling its range of designer T-shirts and caps online. Warren, a structural engineering graduate from Coventry University, said their clothes would be aimed at the 18 to 24-year-old age group. Log on to www.supervillainclub.co.uk

Health jobs plea

HOSPITAL bosses at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust are searching for two non-executive directors. Chiefs say the positions will give someone the opportunity to make a positive difference to the community. The non-executive director and a designate non-executive director posts require board or senior level experience in a business or public service.

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Late-bus claim by residents

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to improve a bus service which residents claim is often late and unreliable.

The residents of the Brickhouse Estate, Rowley Regis are unhappy about the 238 service that runs from West Bromwich to Merry Hill

They claim it is getting worse, and that they are frequently missing appointments and left standing in the rain because of it.

Councillor Susan Eaves is leading the campaign on behalf of the residents.

She said it was particularly the elderly and vulnerable who are worse affected by the poor service.

"The buses are very unreliable, it means residents are often giving themselves an extra hour when they travel anywhere just to make sure they turn up on time," she said.

"The problem has worsened since the service 258 from Birmingham to Merry Hill was withdrawn together with the 127."

Andy Foster, Head of Network Management said they are working to improve the service.

Man, 82, on sex charge

AN 82-YEAR-OLD man has appeared in court charged with 13 counts of sexual assaults on children.

Wearing a beret and navy blue jacket with a poppy badge, Eric Griffiths appeared at Sandwell Magistrates Court last week.

He is accused of launching sexually attacks on a number of youngsters. He is charged with 13 counts of indecent assault and two counts of gross indecency.

During the hearing, Griffiths, of Hallam Street, West Bromwich, spoke only to confirm his name. The case was adjourned until September 20 when he is expected to be committed to Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Police arrested Griffiths in May last year following an investigation.

Rat complaints

COMPLAINTS have been made about rodents coming out of a house in Blackheath. Residents say they have seen them coming fromo the back of the property in Highbury Avenue on a number of occasions and are demanding action is taken. The complaints have been passed on to Sandwell Council officers.

Council tenants want say on homes transfer

TENANTS fear they are not being properly consulted on plans to take over the running of council homes in Sandwell.

The council is looking at proposals to take back management of 29,000 properties run by Sandwell Homes.

However, representatives from six borough housing service panels, which represent the views of tenants, argue they are not being consulted on the plans properly.

In a letter to Housing Minister Grant Shapps, they also say that the council is disregarding government guidance. Joan White, vice-chair of Oldbury housing panel, said on behalf of the chairs and vice-chairs of the panels that they were being kept in the dark.

She said in the letter, which had been signed by representatives of the panels, that "tenants have not been involved in any option appraisal"

It adds: "In fact at a meeting on May 15, 2012 the cabinet member for housing admitted to the company board and the tenant scrutiny board that he was unaware of the Department for Communities and Local Government guidance."

The letter criticises the independent advisers, DWA, which has been appointed to advise both the council and tenants on the process and states that "there has been a total breakdown of trust between DWA and us".

Disappointed

The letter expresses the fear that the £4million savings the council expects to make by this move will see services reduced.

It ends: "All we ask is a fair consultation."

Sandwell Council's housing boss Councillor Simon Hackett said he was disappointed that the representatives of the housing service panels have not waited for the first draft of the report from DWA before contacting the housing minister.

He said: "Until the council has received the report it is difficult to comment on the issues raised other than to say that the majority of them have already been raised during the consultation process.

"I will make a full statement once the report has been received by the council."

Quality of parks flagged up by winning top awards

SANDWELL has notched up a record number of Green Flag parks and green spaces this year – and a crematorium in the borough has received the status.

Six parks, one in each of the borough's towns now boasts the prestigious award for the first time. They are among 29 beauty spots across the Black Country and Staffordshire to have won the award, cementing their status as being among the country's best. More than 1,400 sites in the UK have now been granted Green Flag status.

Brunswick Park in Wednesbury and Sandwell Valley in West Bromwich have gained Green Flags while Barnford Park in Oldbury, Haden Hill Park in Cradley Heath, Victoria Park in Smethwick and Victoria Park in Tipton have retained their status.

West Bromwich-based Sandwell Valley Crematorium has become one of the first crematoria in the Midlands to achieve a Green Flag following a major £3.25 million refurbishment.

Proud

Community-run Warley Woods, which was voted top Green Flag park in England in a public poll last year, and Tipton Cemetery have retained their awards as have Moorlands Allotments on the West Bromwich and Wednesbury border and Barnford Park & Farm Road Allotments in Oldbury.

Sandwell Council's cabinet member for neighbourhood services Councillor Ian Jones said: "I am tremendously proud to have a Green Flag in each of the six towns, with 12 flags in total now across the borough.

"Friends groups and volunteers have given us massive support and helped in lots of ways, from organising events to providing additional information to support the judging."

Drink-fit woman bit the hand of medic

A LITHUANIAN national has admitted biting a paramedic during a drunken epileptic fit in an ambulance.

Grazina Tamkun launched the attack after shunning medication given to her so she could drink alcohol.

Emergency services were called to a report of the 24-year-old was intoxicated at the West Bromwich & District YMCA, Carters Green, and decided to take her to hospital, Sandwell Magistrates Court heard.

Tamkun, of Greswold Street, West Bromwich, had drunk three litres of cider and three bottles of beer.

When a paramedic tried to stop her undoing her seatbelt in the ambulance she grabbed his hand in her teeth and bit it.

Miss Maxine McIntosh, prosecuting, said: "When she let go there was an imprint of her teeth.

Miss Sophia Ali, defending, said her client had problems with alcohol and was receiving counselling. She admitted assault and will be sentenced on August 10.

Delight as beauty spot scoops honour

Chairman of the parks friends group Keith Vaughan with Councillors Olwen Jones, Elaine Costigan, Pam Hughes, Peter Hughes and Ian Jones, celebrate

A PARK in Wednesbury has been named among the winners of the prestigious Green Flag status.

Brunswick Park on Brunswick Park Road is one of six parks in Sandwell to have notched up the status.

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Dingley Road Allotments in Wednesbury, has also earned the status.

Mark Cooksey, Secretary of the Dingley Road allotments said they were delighted to have won the award.

He said: "We have 19 plots here, and we have had a couple of newcomers. It is very popular."

Among other parks in the region to be awarded Green Flag status are Beacon Park, Lichfield; Wom Brook Walk, Wombourne; Baggeridge Country Park; Palfrey Park, Walsall; Willenhall Memorial Park; Phoenix Park, Wolverhampton; Bantock Park, Wolverhampton, West Park and St Peters Gardens, Wolverhampton.

NEWS in brief

Pathway gets £30k makeover

A PUBLIC right of way has received £30,000 of improvements. Sandwell Council has resurfaced the pathway between Waddington Avenue and the Scott Arms shopping centre, Great Barr, and improved street lighting.

It comes after years of complaints from residents concerned about the surface. Cabinet member for neighbourhood services Councillor Ian Jones said: "The council has now laid a new surface and installed new draining and to improve security two new lighting columns have been installed on the route."

Open day hopes to help jobless

AN Olympic-themed open day is to be held on Friday at Synapse Learning, West Bromwich, to help people get back into work. The organisation is running a course for those claiming job seekers allowance and aged over 19.

The group has already helped people secure roles with RBS, AA, Sandwell Council, Next, Asda, The Phonebook and Birmingham Airport. The open day will be held between 9am to 4pm at the office at 144 High Street.

Albion extension still in pipeline

WEST Bromwich Albion bosses are continuing to look at options over extending The Hawthorns.

Chairman Jeremy Peace told supporters at an end-of-season gala dinner in May last year they wanted to add an extra 3,500 seats within the next three years.

Baggies spokesman John Simpson said: "The club are continuing to explore their options."

Book challenge for youngsters

A SUMMER reading challenge for children has been launched at libraries in Sandwell.

Story Lab challenges children to read six books for fun during the school holidays, with the children collecting stickers and incentives including a medal and certificate at the end.

Comet closure

BOSSES at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Brierley Hill, are tight-lipped over the closure of Comet on September 30. A spokeswoman said the firm could not comment.

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IT WAS announced this week that texting has overtaken speaking as the preferred means of mobile-phone communication. But it is important to get the texting right. A friend sent her child a text explaining that she had been delayed, and added an X as a kiss. The youngster was puzzled to receive the message: "May be a bit latex."

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TONY Blair, seemingly bemused even to be asked the question, proudly declared that New Labour had no population policy. Today the Office for National Statistics reveals the legacy of that idiocy, with three million more mouths to feed in England and Wales than 10 years ago. The Blairs (four children, £20 million a year) live far away from the seething bedlam of our inner cities, in their mansion in leafy Buckinghamshire. And now he wants to make a political comeback.

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OOPS. Tiny cock-up on the weather-forecasting front. I suggested a couple of days ago the long hot summer would begin in December. It has apparently been brought forward to the end of July. Let joy be unconfined.

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EXCEPT that we Brits don't do unconfined joy very well, do we? No sooner has the mercury started to rise than the doom-mongers are predicting a sudden rise in the price of sun cream. Oh, gloom and misery.

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TRADITIONALLY, of course, we Brits did not bother with sun creams. We 1950s kids were allowed to muck around the beach until we were as red as lobsters and then anointed at night with chilled calamine lotion. We didn't have a Human Rights Act back then.

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I REFERRED recently to the horrors of seasickness. A reader says he has discovered the perfect, 100 per cent guaranteed cure. Stand under a big tree.

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THE French city of Angers is claiming our Crown Jewels in compensation for the execution for treason in 1499 of Edward Plantagenet, Earl of Warwick. He was the last of the Plantagenet line and Angers, as the historical base of the Plantagenet family, is demanding "as redress for the execution," that the Crown Jewels be transferred from the Tower of London to Angers. Come, come, mes amis. Whatever happened to the Napoleonic spirit? You know where the jewels are. If you want them (and if you think you're 'ard enough), come and take them.

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FOLLOWING my recent bits on the strange names of emulsion paints, a reader asks: "What colour is a whiter shade of pale?" I think it's a sort of Procol.

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CRY havoc and unleash the geeks of war. Who cannot be stirred by the thrilling call by the Commons Intelligence and Security Committee to declare cyber-war on Britain's enemies? Mind you, it will only succeed if our geeks are smarter than their geeks. Infesting enemy computers with viruses is a bit like the old comedy routine of the doctor who tries to get the patient to take his tablet by blowing it into his mouth using a tube. It works perfectly – unless the patient blows first.

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Runner puts shoes through their paces

A MIDDLE-DISTANCE Tipton Harriers runner has been helping researchers examine how a more aerodynamic running shoe could give an athlete a competitive advantage.

Ellis Sabin, 16, helped a Birmingham City University team examine running shoes

Professor Robert Ashford, Director of Postgraduate Research Degrees at the university's Faculty of Health, examined the drag on models of middle to long distance running shoes in a series of wind tunnel tests.

The ground-breaking work has been published in the International Journal of Sports Science and Engineering.

Shoes tested were a Nike Zoom, Nike Free, Nike 100km and a Reebok DMXRIDE. The researchers concluded that the aerodynamics of a running shoe could affect a runner's performance.

According to Professor Ashford shoes that simulate the texture of a golf ball, featuring "dimples", did well in the tests and proved to support better aerodynamic performance.

Until now, say the research authors, the sports shoe industry has focused much more on the aesthetic appeal of running shoes rather than their aerodynamic qualities.

With manufacturers expressing strong interest in the research, Professor Ashford expects the design of running shoes to change accordingly in time for the next Olympic Games.

£240k from builders to pay for new homes

ALMOST a quarter of a million pounds from developers will be used to build homes in Sandwell. The council is proposing to dip into cash collected from firms as thousands of people seek affordable homes in the borough.

By David Lumb

It is proposing to allocate £100,000 from section 106 funds – money which developers have to pay towards community projects – to build 36 houses in Carnegie Road, Rowley Regis, and £40,000 to help build 11 homes in Old Meeting Street and Sussex Avenue, both West Bromwich.

A further £100,000 will be allocated so that 13 apartments on the Mitchells Brook site – the former Cape hill Brewery site in Smethwick – can be rented cheaply.

Benefit

As of June 7, there were 12,983 people on the council's housing register seeking affordable homes.

Section 106 agreements are where developers are made to pay around one per cent of the cost of their scheme towards something that would benefit the community. The homes in West Bromwich include seven two-bedroom bungalows and four two-bedroom apartments.

The total development costs are £1,258,855.

The rest of the cash has come from Bromford Housing Group and the Department of Health.

A report that will be considered by councillors said: "The bungalows and flats will provide people with learning disabilities independent living, as opposed to living in residential care."

The 36 homes in Rowley Regis are made up of 16 two-bedroom houses, 14 three-bedroom house and six four-bedroom houses.

The cash provided in Smethwick will be used as a capital contribution towards the provision of 13 two-bedroom apartments for renting.

Violence-threat mobile phone robber locked up

A TEENAGER who intimidated three pupils into handing over their mobile phones during a robbery is behind bars.

Dylan Coffin, who threatened to beat up his victims, was sentenced to two years in a young offenders institution.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard Coffin, aged 18, approached the boys as they were playing football in Bury Hill Park, Oldbury. Mr David Lees, prosecuting, said he threatened the boys with violence and told them he had friends who would "come down" to inflict harm. The were so scared they handed over their mobiles.

Police were notified and they arrested Coffin in the library at Oldbury and officers recovered all the mobiles from the toilet. Coffin, of Dingle Street, admitted three charges of robbery.

Mr Jas Mann defending said Coffin was quickly detected because one of the boys had played football with him.

Parishioners' raise £15,000

Parishioner Gerry Gomez and Father Timothy Burke with Antosh Czubak, aged eight, with the £15,000 cheque as other church members look on

A CHILDREN'S charity has received a £15,000 boost from two churches.

Worshippers at Holy Cross Church, in Hall Green Road, and St Joseph's Church, on the Yew Tree estate, both in West Bromwich, have been collecting donations for 18 months.

They handed over a cheque to Smile Train. The charity supports children in deprived countries who are born with cleft lips and palates. The money will provide operations for 100 children.

Congregation member Gerry Gomez said: "When Father Timothy Burke told us we were going to raise £15,000 to support children in third world countries, we thought he had finally flipped. But he always believed we could do it, and he has been proved right. Everybody is absolutely delighted. We want to thank everyone who helped us achieve this sum.

"All thoughts now are going to be directed towards raising funds for the parish itself," added Mr Gomez.

Ring the bells to welcome Olympics

THE race is on to find 2,012 people to line the streets in Cradley Heath and ring bells as the nation celebrates the start of the London Olympics.

Cradley Heath Salvation Army is organising the spectacle as part of a nationwide project created by Turner Prize winning artist and musician Martin Creed.

The bell-ringing will be performed across the country at 8.12am tomorrow (Friday), the day of the opening ceremony.

Mathew Griffiths, of the Salvation Army, said: "We hope many people will come along and line the streets in Cradley Heath and join in with a large community bell ring. We would love to get 2,012 people to take part.

"People need to supply their own bell to ring and we would ask them to come to our hall in Meredith Street, Cradley Heath, for no later than 8am so that we can get everyone in place for the start.

"People can use any bell they like – hand bells, bike bells, door bells. They can also download a mobile phone ringtone. The local parish church St Luke's is going to join in."

For more information call Mathew on 01384 563570.

Delay to shop licence review

A LICENCE review of a shop in West Bromwich which sold alcohol on which it had not paid duty has been adjourned.

Following investigations by customs officers, Premier Foods in Carters Green, which is trading as Mulis, was found to have 100 cases of non-duty paid beer and 126 bottles of spirits.

Sandwell's licensing panel was due to review the licence last week but its chair, Councillor Peter Allen, said the hearing had been adjourned until because of the amount of new legal information from the shop. A report due to have been discussed said the application for the licence to be reviewed had been made on the grounds of prevention of crime.

Big Issue walk

THE Big Issue Foundation has confirmed the first ever Big Night Walk outside London will take place in Birmingham. The Big Brum Night Walk will take place on October 5.

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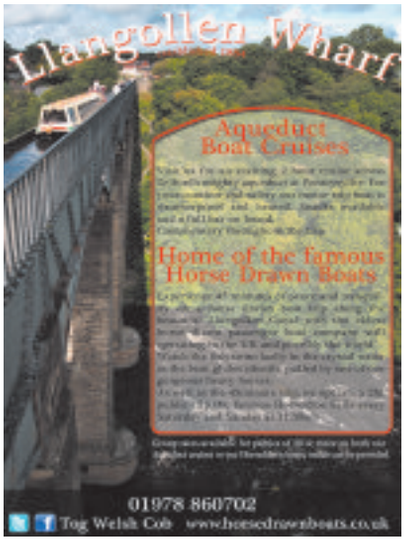

Gardeners urged to grow for top show

GARDENERS are being urged to grow their own produce ready for this year's Sandwell horticultural show on August Bank Holiday weekend.

Organisers want people from across the region to take part in the show which attracts some of the region's top growers.

Neighbourhoods boss, Councillor Ian Jones said the council was extremely proud of the show – part of the free-entry Sandwell Community Show – which is the last of the council-run events to be staged in the four Black Country boroughs.

The show also includes classes for baking, wine, children's classes, floral art and handicraft.

Councillor Jones said: "The show has been a big success over the years and every event is enjoyed by the many thousands of people who make their way to the horticultural tent.

"The show tent is a big attraction where visitors can see the lovely displays.

"Last year we had some superb produce in all the classes."

Anyone who is interested in entering the show can get a schedule of the classes from Carole Calloway by ringing her on 0121 569 3440.

Games fun to be free for young

YOUNG people in Sandwell can enjoy a free Olympic-themed afternoon of fun activities from electronic games to riding a rodeo bull in the borough this summer.

The borough's shadow youth cabinet is holding its Alternative Olympics event for those aged between 11 and 19 on August 3.

It runs from 2pm to 6pm at the Coneygre Centre, Sedgley Road East, Tipton.

Activities include electronic games, pool games, floor games, a climbing wall, canoeing, a rodeo bull and competitive sports games, music and dancing.

Councillor Linda Horton, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for leisure services, said: "It's great to hear our youth cabinet taking a lead on celebrating the Olympics and providing fun and constructive activities."

Dog attacks drop but posties are still at risk

DOZENS of postmen and women are being attacked by dogs as they make their rounds in the region including Sandwell, but the number of incidents is falling sharply in some areas, new figures reveal.

Bosses at Royal Mail say too many of their workers are still getting hurt and dog owners need to take more responsibility.

A total of 139 reports were made in the Black Country, Staffordshire and Birmingham between April 2011 and 2012.

The number of attacks in the WV postcode, which covers Wolverhampton, has dropped by 52 per cent to eight, while there was a 0.4 increase to 44 in the ST postcode area covering Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent.

There were 14 in the WS area which covers Cannock and Walsall, representing a 36 per cent decrease, and 56 in the B postcode which covers Birmingham and Sandwell, which is a 10 per cent drop from the previous 12 months.

In the Dudley and Kidderminster postcode area, 17 posties were hurt, a fall of 15 per cent.

The Royal Mail and the Communication Workers Union warned that attacks usually increase in the summer months.

There were 3,100 attacks nationwide, down by 14 per cent on the previous year following a £100,000 awareness campaign by the Royal Mail.

Darren Thain, safety director for Royal Mail in Dudley, said: "Clearly most dogs are not inherently dangerous. However, even the most placid animal can be prone to attack if it feels its territory is threatened.

Risk

"We would like to express our thanks to our customers for working with us to help reduce the number of attacks, now we want to reduce this number further as there are still too many attacks taking place.

"Our first priority as an employer is to ensure the safety of our people. We have spent over £100,000 on awareness campaigns and equipment to help reduce the risk of injury.

"However, even just being threatened by an unrestrained pet is frightening situation for our delivery staff and we would appeal to owners to keep their pets under control."

Meanwhile the Royal Mail is trialling a device to map the location of homes and businesses in a move which could improve satellite navigation systems in cars. It will be rolled out later in the year if successful.

Land swap plan will allow school room for extension

AN infant school is going to swap land with a cemetery to gain space which will allow it to expand.

Bosses at Annie Lennard Infant School, The Oval, in Smethwick, want to exchange 3,840 sq ft of their own land for 3,420 sq ft of land at Thimblemill Cemetery belonging to Sandwell Council's bereavement services department.

It is hoped once they have gained the land they can expand to take in additional pupils.

A report to cabinet member for children and families Councillor Bob Badham, states: "The school is a one form entry infant school but has insufficient capacity to expand to a one form entry primary school. An extension to the existing building is only possible with the inclusion of additional land."

It is hoped the addition of land will give the school enough space for three extra classrooms, and enable it to become a one form entry primary school.

Council officers say the plan would also benefit the bereavement service, as it would provide a more "regular layout" for a burial ground within the cemetery.

Benefit

If the plans are approved by Councillor Badham, a separate application will be made for the extension.

Councillor Badham said: "This is an innovative way of tackling the problem. This is an effective way of maximising the community land we have available, and it will benefit the community as a whole."

Annie Lennard's is among six schools which will be extended to cope with the increase in pupils due to a baby boom. They include Christ Church Primary, Oldbury; Crocketts Community Primary, Smethwick; Summerhill Primary, Tipton, and Rowley Hall Primary, Rowley Regis.

Teachers celebrate results

TEACHERS in Sandwell are celebrating after pupils achieved their school's best ever SATs results.

Of 55 pupils sitting exams at Blackheath Primary, 51 per cent got level five in reading while 96 per cent got level four. This compares with just 43 per cent at level five and 90 per cent in level four last year.

In writing, two per cent of the 11-year-olds achieved level six, while 15 per cent achieved level five and 80 per cent level four.

This was a rise from the year previously when just 39 per cent achieved level five and 67 per cent achieved level four.

In maths, seven per cent achieved level six, while 42 per cent achieved level five and 91 per cent achieved level four. This compares with just 39 per cent at level five and 78 per cent at level four in 2011.

The exams were taken at the Britannia Road school in May. Headteacher Lesley King said: "We are over the moon."

Vintage cars line up for castle invasion

Dale Hudson, from Netherton, with his 1980 Ford

Janet Emery with her 1960 Morris Minor at the show

HUNDREDS of car enthusiasts from all over the country flocked to a display of rare and classic vehicles.

The West Midlands Classic Car club revved up their engines, and took over Dudley Castle for the day.

The annual car meeting which has been coming to the castle for more than 20 years.

The classic vehicles on display included the likes of a smart E-type Jaguar and the very rare Daimler Dart of which there are only 2,500 left in existence.

The owners had cleaned, polished and preened their cars to the highest standard ready to be judged in their individual classes and for the all important car of the show award.

Around a dozen judges assessed every aspect of the 80 vehicles on show for the competition.

President of the West Midlands Classic Car Club, and organiser of the event Maurice Cole said: "It has been a really good day, and as usual we have had a very good turn out and the weather has held out.

"It is really very popular and we have had people come from as far away as Anglesea to come to the show," he added. "Everyone is always very competitive and the cars look fantastic."

NEWS in brief

Choir in appeal for more voices

A MALE voice choir in Sandwell is appealing for new members to join them.

Bosses at Warley Male Choir are calling on men to try out the choir if they enjoy music, have a decent voice, and want to make good friends.

Keri Morgan, from the choir, said: "We have a huge repertoire from Bach to The Beatles. We sing pop and music from the shows and a sprinkling of more serious choral work."

Anyone interested can Call 0121 5446695.

Moves to curb illegal parking

A NO-PARKING order has been made to stop a private firm issuing permits allowing motorists to park behind shops in West Bromwich.

Unauthorised parking in a service area behind High Street prevents delivery vehicles from gaining access.

A report states: "To prevent this activity, it is recommended a prohibition of parking traffic regulation order be introduced."

MP warns of new French road laws

WARLEY MP John Spellar has warned holidaymakers who are planning to drive through France to carry a French breathalyser kit.

Under new French rules motorists have to carry the kits in their cars or face an on-the-spot fine.

Mr Spellar said: "French traffic rules are getting increasingly bureaucratic, but they just need to add this to their holiday checklist."

Saddlers' fans to get new bars

TWO new bars are to open at the Banks's Stadium in Walsall ahead of the new season.

The Legends Bar will be in the Five Rivers Stand at the Saddlers' ground and an away one will be created within the Sign Specialists away end. The bar in the Saddlers supporters side will provide catering and a flat screen TV.

Festival of sport

MORE than 100 adults with disabilities enjoyed a day of activities at an Olympic 2012 themed sporting festival in Tipton. It was held to bring adult services user groups together from the borough.

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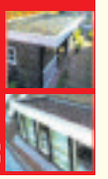

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LETTERS

Cameron will pay for his hollow words

HOW many more flashes of anger, how many more hollow words are we to hear from David Cameron? How many more mistakes and U-turns from this shambolic Government?

Maybe we will have another runway at Heathrow, or maybe we won't. Maybe the land will be covered with windmills or high-speed train tracks, or maybe it won't. On a Friday he's sure that there'll never be an EU referendum. On a Monday he believes maybe there will but the timing and questions will need much thought. Maybe the second chamber will be largely elected or maybe it won't. Maybe the situation regarding healthcare for the old will be sorted. Maybe they won't have to pay over the whole of their estate until they are six feet under as he suggests, or maybe they'll only have to pay a smaller amount, or maybe none of this will apply.

Maybe he'll come down hard on his banker friends, or maybe that will be for the next parliament. Maybe the economic policies will eventually reduce the nation's debt, or maybe they won't.

Maybe we'll be able to fill Wembley Stadium with what is left of our armed forces or maybe he might decide to find a cosy little war, in which case we won't.

If Cameron thinks that a good showing in PMQs will save him when compared to a Labour Party led by probably the most pathetic leader it has ever had, he's mistaken.

Here is a man lacking in sincerity and incapable of following through on anything he says.

We should've realised what kind of man he was years ago when he entreated us all to "hug a hoody".

Alan M Etheridge,
Sedgley.

Our police force now unable to protect us

OUR police force is vanishing in front of our very eyes due to government cuts.

The excuse is it will make them more efficient.

What a joke. My neighbour was burgled while on holiday.

I phoned the police on Saturday and they turned up on Monday morning. Very efficient, that is. Next time I will ask them for a notification form.

Now the police cannot protect us, our island cannot defend itself, and we have hardly any armed forces left due to government cuts.

Most people respect the armed forces but not the Government.

It seems we cannot even protect our own borders.

C Vermont,
Whitehouse Street,
Tipton.

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Fear for generation that lacks a future

I WRITE this letter with a lump in my throat and a heavy heart, holding back tears, for today my son is 23 and his life hasn't even started yet.

I remember the hopes and dreams I had when he was a little boy and wonder what has happened. He is full of bitterness for the employers that won't give him a chance because he hasn't had the opportunity to gain any experience, for those who won't take on apprentices any older than 18, for the job centre staff that are only interested in how many jobs he's written down on his job search so that they look like they are doing their job properly.

He has had seasonal work because he wants to do landscape, but he wants job security. He wants to learn to drive which would help him get a job, but he can't afford it.

There are thousands of parents just like me. This zombified generation is our future, but they have no future. They walk around with long faces and no direction, no plans. I pray that by the time he is 24 his life will have changed.

Susan Brookes,
Wednesbury.

Jack was one our greatest runners

REGARDING the late great Jack Holden of Tipton Harriers.

Jack certainly did run in the 1948 Olympic marathon. He was well in contention and was the leading British runner, but was suffering severe blisters and had to retire after 17 miles.

In 1950 he won the Commonwealth Games marathon in New Zealand, running the last six miles barefoot as his shoes had split. Also in 1950 he won the European Marathon Championship in Brussels.

It was my good fortune to meet Jack several times after he retired. He was always willing to chat about athletics, training methods and tactics.

He was one of our greatest runners and a gentleman.

Bob Elwell,
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NEWS

Bags of rotting rubbish 'left in piles for months'

Tony Hooper with the mounting rubbish at Scott Close

RUBBISH bags have not been collected from an area of West Bromwich for three months, leaving the area infested with rats, maggots and flies, residents have claimed.

Around 100 bags of rotting rubbish are piling up at Scott Close which serves around 19 properties. Resident Tony Hooper said the situation is now "beyond a joke" and called on the council to collect the waste.

Father-of-three Mr Hooper, aged 31, said Serco, responsible for carrying out collections in the borough have failed to collect rubbish since April.

Mr Hooper, a carer, who has lived at the property for two-and-a-half years with partner Leanne Vincent, 24, said: "The last time it was collected was three months ago.

"I have had pest control come round and we have got rats. At first they said it was because we don't have wheelie bins, so we ordered the wheelie bins and they are supposed to collect the rubbish every week and then they stopped and nobody came.

"They said put the bins on the front car park and they were there for three weeks and nobody took them so we took them out the back to get them out of the way."

Flies

He added: "We have got maggots in the bins, flies everywhere, you can't even open a window because there are flies coming in.

"There are rats just running about and the smell just stinks. It's really bad that the collections aren't being carried out. It is beyond a joke."

Cabinet member for neighbourhood services Councillor Ian Jones said the site has since been cleared.

He added: "Unfortunately, there also appears to be an issue with fly tipping which has significantly added to the problems. But we are now confident that the residents should have no further issues with collections."

Staff from shops step out

STAFF at Bonmarche shops in West Bromwich, Dudley and Merry Hill have raised £236 during a sponsored walk. The team walked from West Bromwich to Dudley and then on to Merry Hill. The money will go towards Macmillan Cancer Support. The staff did the 7.6 mile walk on July 14 and took three-and-a-half hours.

Town's web speed slips

WEST Bromwich has slipped from having the fastest broadband speed in the UK to being out of the top 10 in 12 months. In 2011 research from uSwitch.com ranked the town fastest with a download speed of 13.2 megabytes per second. But this year the rate had fallen to 8.8 mbps. On average UK broadband download speeds rose to 7.84.

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Fundraising show

Tina Sharman with her children Kara Pearson and Kieron Pearson and his horse Womble

The family of a West Bromwich horse-mad youngster born with a life-threatening condition are organising a special fundraising event to support the hospital that saved him.

Kieron Pearson was born with exomphalos, which meant his intestines were on the outside of his body and needed an immediate operation. He was in and out of hospital for the first year of his life, suffering with pneumonia and breathing problems, but against the odds he has managed to make a full recovery.

And now, to show their appreciation for the care four-year-old Kieron received, his family have organised a horse show at Rodbaston equine college in Penkridge, this Sunday. It will feature horse riding, fancy dress, a dog show and craft stalls.

Kieron's mother Tina, from Whitehall Road, said: "We will be forever grateful for the care and attention Kieron was given during his stay at Birmingham Children's Hospital."His grandmother, Pat Sharman, who also lives in Whitehall Road, said: "Our aim is to raise as much money for Birmingham Children's Hospital."

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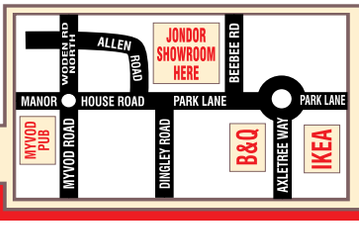

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Man admits robbing teenager of mobile

A MAN has admitted robbing a teenager of his mobile phone at knife-point at Wednesbury bus station.

Matthew Noone, aged 21, of Julie Croft, Bilston, threatened the 16-year-old in May before stealing his Blackberry phone. He was arrested on July 18 after newspapers printed pictures of a man police wanted to speak to in connection with the attack. Noone appeared at Warley Magistrates Court the following day where he pleaded guilty to the robbery. He is due to reappear at Wolverhampton Crown Court for sentencing in October

Dc Lesley Woodward, from Sandwell CID, said: "We would like to thank the media for publicising the images as part of our investigation." She added: "We will continue to target offenders who we believe are involved in this type of crime. We have already seen that by targeting offenders, robbery offences have dropped significantly in Sandwell over the past year."

Two other men arrested in relation to the robbery were released.

Family's anger over £20k cost for damage to roof

A FAMILY will have to find £20,000 to repair a collapsed roof after insurance bosses said they were not covered – partly because the wind at the time was not strong enough.

Nigel and Tina Botfield, from Wednesbury, thought repair costs would be paid for by their Direct Line home insurance but they have now been told they will not receive a penny.

The company says this is because the roof was structurally unsound at the time and that the wind was only blowing at speeds of up to 25mph – about half of what it needs to be classified as storm damage.

The couple are contacting banks to see if they can get a loan but now feel they might have to sell their home.

"We're gutted, upset; words can't describe how we are feeling," said mother-of-three Mrs Botfield, aged 41.

"We are totally defeated. We have told the children we will sort it but how, we don't know."

Mr and Mrs Botfield were awoken by the sound of their roof caving in at 6am on June 15 and were forced to flee as bricks fell onto Rooth Street as the gable end gave way.

Loss assessors had suggested the insurance might not be valid last month but the decision was only confirmed on Friday.

"We've been insured with Direct Line since we moved in three years ago and we feel very let down," she added.

"We feel we have looked after the property."

As well as the cost of the roof repairs, the family will have to meet the cost of scaffolding, which has been racking up while Direct Line has been deciding if the family's cover is valid.

Direct Line spokesman Claire Foster confirmed the primary reason for its collapse was its poor structural condition.

Angry Nigel and Tina Botfield who face a £20,000 bill for roof damage

Hot meal axe plan gives fear to elderly

A PENSIONER has spoken of her fears over plans to axe hot meals on wheels.

Sandwell Council's adult social care committee has agreed to begin a consultation into proposals for a shake-up of the service that would see all meals delivered frozen and reheated at the resident's home.

But the plans have concerned a number of elderly and vulnerable people in the borough, including 83-year-old Dorothy Shuker.

She is worried about residents with dementia and those who do not have a cooker or microwave to heat up the dinners.

Delivery

"We are all very worried about these changes because we rely on the meals," said Miss Shuker, who has lived in Osborne Road, West Bromwich, for 76 years.

Miss Shucker is one of about 119 people who is currently in receipt of hot meals in Sandwell per week.

The council is considering the plan because it needs to save £75 million by 2015.

The council says the number of people using the hot food delivery service has declined recently.

A hot meal costs £7.77, but a frozen meal costs just £3.17.

Councillor Ann Jaron, who sits on the adult social care committee, said: "We have to find ways to make savings."

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Modern day Lumberjills Jacqui Blackford, left, and Sarah Bowers

Lumberjills – and jacks — take time out to pose for this old picture

Lumberjills at work during the Second World War

A Lumberjills newsletter produced during the war

When tree fellers had Jills to do the lumbering

THEY came to Staffordshire to fell trees for vital timber in the Second World War, some of them still teenagers away from home for the first time.

by Marion Brennan

Just like Jack in the children's nursery rhyme had his Jill, so the lumberjacks of Cannock Forest had their lumberjills to take over their work when they were called to fight at the Front.

Now the search is on to find women who worked in Staffordshire's woodlands during the 1939-45 conflict. The little-known lumberjills made a crucial contribution supplying timber for use as pit props and aircraft manufacture, and even in bomb-making.

At its peak, the Women's Timber Corps, set up 70 years ago, had about 8,000 members, young women who were billeted with families or in camps.

They felled and planted trees, measured them and drove tractors. Members of the WTC, an off-shoot of the Land Army, wore distinctive green uniforms and had their own beret badge featuring a conifer tree.

Today there are still lumberjills but these days machinery does much of the heavy work. Jason MacLean, of the Forestry Commission, which has launched the lumberjill search, said: "It was tough work back then as every tree had to be cut down by hand.

"Even in wartime the women performing this work could cut down 30 trees using a two-hander cross saw if they became very proficient. They really blazed a trail for the women who came after them."

Modern-day lumberjill Jacqui Blackford, based at Birches Valley on Cannock, Chase does not chop down trees but is involved in the important work of introducing schoolchildren to the forest and helping to educate them about this special environment.

Her female colleagues are involved in planning, planting, design and management of the forest and many can use a chainsaw if required.

The 49-year-old former veterinary nurse said: "I've always been an outdoor girl, and it's nice now to have the forest as your office or classroom.

"Education has become an important part of our work."

The Forestry Commission say many women from the region must have served as lumberjills in the war but very little is known about where they were posted locally. Possible postings could have included Cannock Forest.

Anyone who was a lumberjill or had a family member who served in a Forestry Commission woodland during the last war is asked to contact Louise Fleetwood on 01623 821 457 or email louise.fleetwood@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

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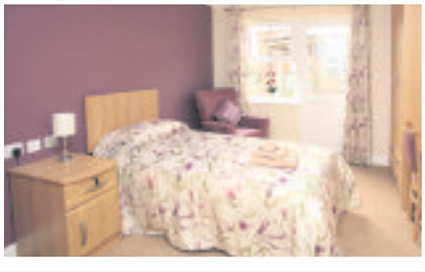

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Pride as tenants move in to £3m housing scheme

A £3 MILLION scheme has been completed in Bearwood providing affordable homes for families.

The 24 three and four-bedroom houses and two-bedroom apartments have been built in Bearwood Road to increase the amount of affordable housing in the area.

To mark the completion of the development, one of the new tenants, Patricia Sammons, invited delegates into her house for a tour. The 42-year-old bought a three-bedroom end terrace property on a shared ownership basis.

She said: "Before living here I was privately renting for 10 years and I wasn't able to get onto the council's waiting list, but I didn't have a big income.

"When I saw this home come up on Right Move I thought that this was the home for me. It's been great. I've been able to get onto the property ladder which will benefit me and my children for the future, and it's in a useful location."

Family Housing worked in partnership with developer Lovell to build the homes.

Wonderful

The £3 million development was part-funded with investment from the Homes and Communities Agency. The project also received £250,000 from housing market renewal pathfinder, Urban Living.

Sandwell Mayor, Councillor Keith Davies, said: "It is wonderful to see such schemes like this which in these hard times are much needed."

David Gough, regional director for Lovell, added: "I am really proud of the homes we have built here. We have worked closely with Family and the HCA to deliver 24 exceptional dwellings which will provide families in the area with very comfortable, safe and energy-efficient new homes."

Tim Sewell, chief executive at Family Housing, said: "We focus directly on the housing need in Birmingham and the Black Country. We will continue to build affordable homes in the West Midlands."

Carrying torch for hospital

AN Olympic torch-bearer visited Sandwell Hospital to thank the staff who saved his life.

Dennis Sanders, aged 75, suffered a major heart attack 20 years ago.

The grandfather from Newton Road, Great Barr said: "It was a Sunday, and luckily there weren't many people on the roads and they got me to hospital in time.

My heart stopped and they had to shock me back to life. It took me a long time to recover."

Mr Sanders completed his 300 metre section of the relay at the Black Country Living Museum, in Dudley on June 30 and was nominated for the run to mark his charity work, including raising hospital funds.

The former Dunlop worker particularly wanted to thank Professor Elizabeth Hughes and cardiac nurse Margaret Pritchard for their care and support over the years.

Dennis Saunders says thank you to Dr Inessa Tracey and Sharon Larder

Breeding success for nature reserve birds

THREE little-ringed plover chicks have hatched at Sandwell Valley Nature reserve.

This is the first breeding success for the birds at the Great Barr reserve for around three years.

Two of the chicks have survived their early days. RSPB officer Chris Edwards said it was an exciting breeding success. The reserve's common tern pair has also produced a single chick.

Mr Edwards added: "The oystercatcher family, which are based on Forge Mill lake now have three adult size young."

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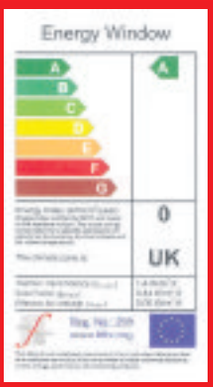

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NEWS

Overgrown canal nature trail to get big makeover

A SANDWELL nature trail which is a magnet for anti-social behaviour is to get a £20,000 makeover.

The Canal and River Trust, which was formerly British Waterways, intends to transform the Galton Valley Nature Trail, Smethwick.

The aim is to create a haven for wildlife and also a visitor attraction. The trail was created between the Old Main Line and New Main Line canals from Brasshouse Lane Bridge to Telford Way Bridge.

It was once a special place for spotting wildlife and enjoying leisure activities but it has now become overgrown and the path has fallen into disrepair.

Rather than attracting visitors, it has become a target for anti-social behaviour.

The trail is a 20-minute walk with the option of a longer, more scenic route taking in both canals and a number of points of interest including bridges, coal shutes and old pumping stations. The area is a haven for wildlife including sparrow hawks, kestrels and pipistrelle bats.

Mike Blades, volunteer leader at the trust, said: "We have now decided to re-invigorate the trail and surrounding area. We are contacting local organisations for their support and would like to involve the local community at all stages."

The work would include clearing paths, installing new nesting boxes, creating reed beds and habitats for indigenous species and installing new signage. The trust plans to install interpretation boards and maps and additional benches. It is in the process of raising the last £5,000 towards the project.

Blaze hits old factory

FIRE investigators have not ruled out an arsonist caused the blaze which ripped through a disused factory in West Bromwich. More than 50 fire fighters tackled the blaze at its height at the former European Commercial Pressings, Holyhead Road. The crews were called to the blaze next to West Bromwich Albion's The Hawthorns stadium just after 4.30am on Monday.

School pots garden prize

Anne Gunning, front, from the Royal Horticultral Society, presents The Meadows Sports College with a plaque. With the tree is Sue Grundy and Leah Austin from the college with William Clarke, headteacher Gordon Phillips, Parveen Kumari, and Donovan Woodhall

STAFF at a special school in Oldbury are celebrating after it received a top award from the Royal Horticultural Society. The Meadows Sports College was presented with a level five plaque and a tree by Royal Horticultural Society regional director Anne Gunning.

It is the highest award a school can receive from the group. It comes on the back of horticultural work that has been taking place at the college for the past three years. This has involved the planting of hundreds of bulbs in the school grounds, including daffodils and tulips, plus the growing of vegetables that have been sold at parents evenings and other events.

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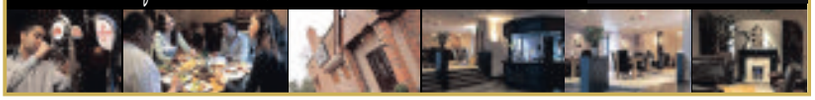

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£750k Government grant will make school warmer

HUNDREDS of windows are to be replaced at a Sandwell school after it secured a £750,000 government grant.

Wood Green Academy applied successfully for the cash from the Department for Education. The money will also be used to replace a small number of oil boilers with gas ones.

Many of the Wednesbury school's metal-framed windows are single pane and date back to the 1930s when the building opened. But these will now be replaced with modern double-glazed windows with improved surrounds.

The move is expected to cut the school's heating costs "significantly".

Headteacher Pank Patel said: "We are very pleased. The new windows will be of a better quality and, along with the boilers, will give us a more insulated, energy efficient building with lower costs.

"We expect the changes will significantly lower the cost of our heating bills and we will use the money we save to invest in education."

Wood Green Academy was one of the schools to lose out when the Coalition government axed Labour's Building Schools for the Future Scheme.

Programme

But it has received more than £1 million in Government grants in the last two years.

Last year it replaced some flat roofs after securing a £330,000 grant.

"The work is part of our continuing improvement programme," said Mr Patel. He said the boilers were being replaced because the old ones were inefficient.

The work should take place over the next year.

Sandwell's schools boss Councillor Bob Badham, said he was pleased with the news, but stressed there were other schools in the borough that were equally worthy of funding.

Traders' joy at work on statues

A MAKEOVER of landmark lion statues on the gateway to Great Bridge has been completed.

The statues at the island that connects Great Bridge Street, New Road, Great Western Way and Horseley Heath, have had a £2,000 clean-up and lighting ahas been rewired.

Great Bridge Traders Association spokesman Tony Roper said: "They look absolutely beautiful now. "It's as good a landmark as any island anywhere. Everyone is really proud."

The association received funding for the project from the Birmingham Foundation For All. Mr Roper added: "We want to thank Birmingham Foundation For All and Sandwell Council for their support."

The lions were erected in honour of the Golden Jubilee in 2002.

All change for centre buses

PASSENGERS have been getting to grips with major changes to bus routes in Birmingham city centre this week. And the city's oldest taxi rank, the Gardens below the ramp off New Street is moving to nearby Bennetts Hill after 160 years at the site.

Corporation Street's 10 bus stops have now been relocated, paving the way for work on the Metro tram extension linking Snow Hill Station to New Street Station, which itself is undergoing the £600 million Gateway rebuild.

The tram extension, which along with the Gateway project is due for completion in 2015. The reorganisation of the buses, which include routes to the Black Country, will see stops located at six interchanges.

Spelling out a books challenge

Community library manager Jean Fenn from Oldbury promotes the reading challenge

YOUNGSTERS are being urged to take part in a reading event at Sandwell libraries. The borough's children are being encouraged to read six books before the end of the summer holidays as part of the Story Lab challenge.

Last year, more than 100 children took part in the event at Smethwick Library in High Street, and bosses are expecting even more to get involved this year. There will be more than 30,000 books to choose from during the challenge.

Activities are taking place in libraries throughout the summer holidays as part of the event. Smethwick Library has a family film club that runs every Sunday from 1pm and a teenage film club for 12s and over on Thursdays at 3.30pm. Other activities include an animal roadshow and face painting in collaboration with Dudley Zoo on August 15 and literacy workshops between 1pm and 5pm on August 30. Visit www.sandwell.gov.uk/events or call 0121 558 0497 for information.

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NEWS

Council acts to silence the noisy neighbours

MORE than 1,100 noise complaints were made in Sandwell in a single year, with nuisance neighbours responsible for nearly a fifth of problems.

The council received 1,134 complaints in the past financial year, which ran until April. A total of 194 nuisance neighbours were served with written warnings after complaints from fellow residents. The figure included warnings for owners of noisy pets. Consistent problems even led environmental health officers to serve two residents with abatement notices.

The warnings tell people noise levels are so bad that it amounts to breaking civil law. Those receiving the notices face restrictions on when they can make noise, and can even be told not to make any at all.

If problems persist, people face civil court action. In both cases, there was no further action taken through the courts.

Authority chiefs say they will step in when concerns are raised by families.

Neighbourhoods councillor Ian Jones said: "The police have breach-of-the-peace powers but the council will take appropriate action where necessary. Everyone needs to be able to get on with each other, and not suffer unacceptable noise."

The council recorded the number of complaints and the number about domestic noise but did not have a breakdown of problems with businesses, alarms, loudspeakers or people disrupted by construction sites, nor how many calls were made by neighbours kept awake by late-night revellers.

Garage fire drama

A FIRE ripped through a garage in Tividale destroying most of the building, in View Point. Paramedics attended the scene to treat the owner for the effects of shock. Fire crews from Oldbury and Tipton tackled the flames when the blaze was reported.

New chairman's pride

New president Graham Golcher and past president George Sanders

THE new president of Wednesbury Rotary Club spoke of his pride at taking on the role and said he was looking forward to a year of fundraising and community activities.

Graham Golcher, 64, who was born and raised in Wednesbury, was a metallurgist at Aluminium Bronze in Walsall, and said it was an honour to be made president a second time.

The married father of one said: "I did it 13 years ago, and it is an honour to be chosen again."

Mr Golcher, of Church Hill, added: "We really care about the community in Wednesbury and of course we also have the international side of our work which is also very interesting."

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Window opens on wonders of world

Jane Hanney, museum services manager, with exhibits

A brass dragon horn brought back from the Far East

An ivory sculpture – part of the Heleln Caddick collection

HISTORIC objects which were brought back to from all over the world have gone on display in Sandwell.

The objects from China, Japan, the Middle East, India, Africa and the Americasare part of the Windows on the World exhibition opening at Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery, Holyhead Road.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s intrepid explorers from the area visited far flung destinations and brought back objects and photographs including Indian jewellery, weapons, Japanese ivories and paintings, clothes, shoes, bowls, bags, vases and stuffed animals.

The exhibition focuses on the travels of one particular Victorian lady, Helen Caddick, who kept a diary of her exploits as she travelled and eventually wrote a book of her adventures.

Museum spokesman David Waring, said: "Museum staff have brought out objects which have not been on display for many years including some very fine Victorian Indian jewellery, a kimono and a gown and hat from Palestine, all the objects are over 100 years old and some much much more ancient.

"'These world objects are a great asset for Sandwell people to enjoy and they reflect the diverse communities who live in the area."

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NEWS

Residents get warning over skips on driveway

RESIDENTS are facing legal action because of firms leaving skips on private driveways, it has been revealed. Homeowners have been left waiting weeks – and in the worst cases even months – for skips to be removed from their driveways by traders.

By Alex Homer

This year alone there have been ,around 45 complaints made to Sandwell Council.

Council chiefs cannot legally intervene and pick up skips because they are private driveways rather than public highways.

It means victims can face the courts themselves, as homeowners can be prosecuted if a skip which is not picked up sparks problems with vermin and fly-tipping for their neighbours.

Trading standards officers today issued a stark warning to residents to only use reputable companies. They say families need to check firms have a bona fide waste carrier's license from the Environment Agency.

If companies refuse to provide the licence number, people are advised not to use them.

Councillor Ian Jones, neighbourhoods chief, said: "People need to be wary whether they are not they are dealing with bona fide firm.

"Residents can be held responsible if these companies are not licensed."

Woman hurt in collision

A WOMAN suffered facial and leg injuries when she was in collision a car in Smethwick. The 21-year-old was struck by the vehicle at the crossing on Telford Way at around 8am on Sunday. She was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for treatment. Police closed Telford Way between Kenrick Way close to the Junction 1 of the M5 at West Bromwich and Tollhouse Way for most of the morning.

Slam dunk success

Bethany Knight and Tia Ferguson, both eight, of Hill Top enjoy the basketball game

YOUNGSTERS in West Bromwich were encouraged to get into the Olympic spirit by taking part in a community games event. Social housing company Riverside welcomed families from Harvills Hawthorn and Millfield estates to the Hawthorn Fields Community Games at Hill Top Park.

Everyone who attended had the opportunity to take part in the games and enjoy the entertainment from a host of dance groups. Lynda Cooke, of Riverside, said the event aimed to encourage community spirit.

She added: "Despite the bad weather running up to the day, the sun was out as well as the local people and we were pleased with how many came along to support the local bands and take part in the games."

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Stripped clean – house covered with tons of ivy

Growing – the house is engulfed in a blanket of ivy

Going – specialists move in to cut down the plant

Gone – the front of the house now ivy has been removed

NOW you see it, now you don't. A carpet of thick ivy has finally been cleared from an eyesore home after a huge clean-up operation.

Ivy once enveloped the house, in Old Hill, Cradley Heath, slowly creeping over windows, walls and eventually the roof.

It covered every crevice of the building to the frustration of neighbours who been confronted by the sight for years.

An incredible two tons of foliage was cut from the house which is now under new ownership after being bought at auction.

The new owner, who did not want to be named, wants to renovate the house to turn it back into a family home. He employed specialist company Shirley Ivy Stripping, from Solihull, to remove the ivy.

Workers spent a week transforming the view in painstakingly set about their task.

First, the ivy was cut down carefully piece by piece to ensure the structure of the building was not affected. This took around three days. The ivy was loaded onto a lorry to be transported to a special depot to be disposed off after it was weighed.

Workers then worked over the next four days cleaning traces of the ivy from brickwork and roof tiles.

Company boss David Sidwell said: "We've never had a job of this scale before but now the house can breathe once more.

"The longer the ivy is established, the more difficult it can be to remove so we had to be careful as we went along.

"I think the neighbours will be even more pleased than the owner as it seems to have been an eyesore for them."

Plans put in for three mobile masts

THREE mobile phone masts will be erected in Sandwell if plans are given the go-ahead.

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Everything Everywhere has applied for a 50 ft mast on the corner of Bridge Road and Aston Street, Tipton. It would be used by Orange and T-mobile.

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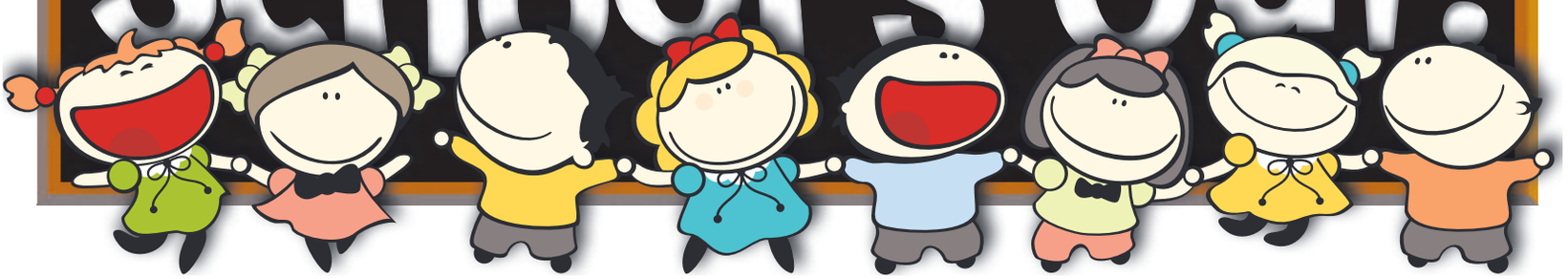

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Cigarette theory as blaze strikes again

A DISCARDED cigarette is believed to have started a fire at a house in Tividale for the second time this month.

Flames gutted the living room of the two-storey property and there was smoke damage elsewhere. After a smoke alarm went off, one woman in her 40s got out of the house before the emergency services arrived.

The blaze this week follows another one at the property in Mary Road when the woman had fallen asleep while smoking.

Doris Brown, aged 87, who lives next door, returned home from a day trip and was shocked to find people gathered around the front of the house. She said: "At first I thought 'Oh no, not again'. You could see all the smoke damage at the front of the house and I went to speak to a fireman who told me what had happened.

"It happened in the same place as last time – the back bedroom. I should imagine it's done a lot of damage."

The woman inside the house was treated by paramedics and taken to Russell's Hall Hospital, Dudley. Another resident, a man, was not in at the time.

The fire service was called at 6.20pm.

Firefighter Tom Baylis said the cause of the fire was being investigated but added it is was likely to be a result of a discarded cigarette.

Chairman of Bearwood Trade Association Richard Marshall hands over a picture of Andy Hamilton to Martin Crump at Bearwood Corks Club

Picture perfect tribute to Andy

JAZZ legend Andy Hamilton has been immortalised in a photograph by the club that he founded.

The popular veteran saxophonist, who founded the Bearwood Corks Club in Bearwood, died on June 3, aged 94.

Mr Hamilton was a regular at the Bearwood Road club and often took to the stage at Birmingham Symphony Hall.

Mr Hamilton, who leaves wife Mary, received an MBE for services to music in Birmingham.

Last week a framed picture was presented to the jazz club on behalf of Bearwood Traders Association.

Spokesman Richard Marshall said: "We had them made up for Lightwoods Park Festival and we had two of them.

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"We have donated one to his family and one to the Corks Club because it was his home club where he played all his music.

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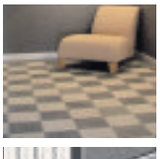

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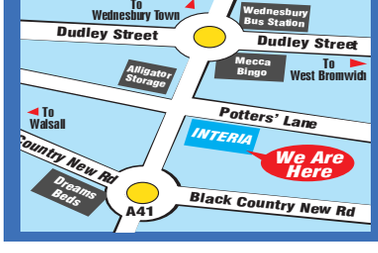

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It's the end of term for long-serving teachers

FOUR long-serving teachers at Alexandra High School, Tipton have retired. They have each completed more than 20 years' service.

Margaret Brown, head of PE has been at the Alexandra Road school for 32 years and she said she will leave with brilliant memories of the pupils who have shared her passion for sport.

Maths teacher Robert Gayton, leaves after 29 years and said working with young people for so long has been an amazing experience.

And PE teacher Joe Maggs leaves after 23 years and said young people will always be an inspiration in his life.

Also retiring from the school is assistant Headteacher Mike Joyce, who has been in charge of Lower School at the Locarno site.

Headteacher Ian Binnie said: "Mike leaves after many years at Alexandra High and his good humour will be missed by all.

"Thank you to all four staff for their excellent service to the school and I wish them all well in the future. They will all be missed by both pupils and colleagues."

Funeral parlour plan for ex-police station

A FORMER Stone Cross police station could turned into a funeral directors. The building, on the corner of Hollyhedge Road and Newton Road, has been up for let since West Midlands Police Authority returned it to the landlord last year, to make £49,000 saving.

Planning documents submitted to Sandwell Council by Dean Egan ,of Warley Road, Oldbury, state that the site would have three full time and 15 part time staff .

The former station was fully operational around 40 years ago but later became vacant. Police staff later brought the building, now known as Hollyhedge House, back into use, but it has been closed to the public for years.

School steps out to help

Getting ready for Race for Life are teaching staff, front from left, Gemma Billingham, Laura Hadlington, Rubina Begum, Rowena Mitchell, Lorraine Simms, Safia Ali and Marcia Wiltshire with pupils

STAFF and pupils from an Oldbury schoolput their best feet forward on Sunday in the annual Race for Life event in Birmingham.

The 25-strong team from Bristnall Hall Technology College took on the 5k course at Cannon Hill Park in Birmingham in aid of Cancer Research. The team, which first took part in the event last year, are hoping to raise hundreds of pounds for the cancer charity.

Assistant headteacher of the school in Bristnall Hall Lane, Mrs Phillipa Harris, said: "A group of staff and some students in a variety of years from seven to 11 are taking part. "Overall there's around 25 people taking part.

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THE July meeting was opened by vice chairman Ann Birchell who later welcomed the speaker to talk about Wiltshire Farm Foods.

The annual Federation lunch will be on July 30 at Wharton Golf and Country Club, Bewdley and the annual Harvest supper is on October 10 at Wollaston Village Hall.

On November 10 a Christmas decoration workshop takes place at the Ruskin Centre, Wollaston. The next lunch club meeting will be on August 6 at the Hollybush, Penn, and the September 3 meeting will be at The Bell, Kingswinford. Christmas lunch has been booked at the Himley 'Best Western' Hotel.

A garden/coffee morning will be held at Liz Hubbard's home on August 15 and at Margaret Ford's on August 19. A trip to John's Garden at Ashwood Nurseries is arranged for August 22.

A vote was unanimously passed that 'due to the ever increasing costs/charges by speakers a small charge of £1 per meeting be made'. This to include refreshments and to start in September.

Wordsley TG took part in the Wordsley Green Community Centre open day on June 30 and had a table to display the group's activities and forthcoming events.

The next group meeting will be on September 17 with an insight from Hannah Nolan into Acorn Children's Hospice.

Club's new president handed chain of office

Past president Richard Garbett hands over the chain of office to new incumbent Tony Brown

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ENID Fennell was pleased to welcome two visitors and Sheila Watts following her recent illness.

Discussion centred around the two parties in celebration of the Queen's 60-year reign. Correspondence included a "Thank You" from Sheila for the flowers he received.

A letter from Buckingham Palace thanked the club for the greetings sent to Her Majesty on her Jubilee.

Chris Grove gave an account of the NCM in Birmingham. Josie Smith said she felt honoured to be the Federation banner carrier.

Graham Fisher, who spoke of the development of the glass industry and he was thanked by Sue Cotterell. Joan Harris was thanked for her floral arrangement.

From 7.30pm on August 15 at the community centre in High Street, members will see a demonstration of floral art by Linda Jackson. The next monthly meeting will be on August 13 with a talk about the work of the Ikikara Bakery.

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REVIEW

High energy Madonna is still in Vogue at 53

Good clean fun enjoyed by everyone

Rhys Darby, Birmingham Town Hall

IT WOULD have taken just two words from Rhys to set me off. They would have been spoken by his character Murray – the ineffectual manager in hit comedy Flight of the Conchords – and they would, of course, have been "band meeting". It's just something about the way he says them.

He didn't say them, but he didn't need to. His show was a riot from start to finish.

His language was clever and his timing spot-on, but his physical energy too beguiled his near sell-out audience. Whether he was imitating a horse doing dressage, living out the social quagmire of shaking hands or taking a sideways glance at hot-air driers he kept everyone in stitches.

He used mime, sound effects and simple silly humour, happily removed from the more menacing acts of his comedy peers. No one suffered a sense of dread wondering who was going to be picked out. It was good clean fun enjoyed by varying age groups who gave Rhys the deafening applause he deserved.

Sarah Cowen

Madonna, Birmingham NIA

ONLY a few hits were performed, the tickets were eye-wateringly expensive, she kept the audience waiting until 9.45pm and shocked some with her gory and grotesque imagery.

Yet, Madonna's first concert at a near-full arena – her only England date outside London – was a triumph. Star quality and the power of her personality shone through the spectacular MDNA show that ran until just gone 11.30pm.

Those expecting a greatest hits package may have been disappointed as it drew heavily on the pounding dance music of her recent MDNA album.

When hits were performed it was sometimes in radically new forms. Like A Virgin became a sultry slow-burning ballad, while a twist on Open Your Heart featured the percussion and harmonies of Basque musicians Kalakan Trio.

But the 53-year-old superstar did deliver a fantastic Vogue, complete with fashion parade, and a big finale of Like A Prayer and Celebration – hits from 20 years apart.

Madonna is still vibrant, infuriating, exciting and knows how to put on a damn good show and this was high energy. Dancers included her 11-year-old son Rocco Ritchie.

Madonna on stage during her MDNA Tour at The NIA

Girl Gone Wild set the pace but matters turned darker with Revolver and Gang Bang, with a gun-toting catsuit-wearing Madonna assassinating her dancers with Tarantino-like splashes of gore exploding over the huge video wall.

I Don't Give A featured an on-screen Nicki Minaj rap before – dressed as a baton-twirling 1940s drum majorette complete with marching band – Madonna lightened the mood with Express Yourself. Next came Give Me All Your Luvin' then a rousing Turn Up The Radio.

The ballad Masterpiece was followed by the kinky stuff, shedding her clothes for Erotic Candy Shop and Human Nature. Down to her underwear, Like A Virgin saw her manhandled by a dancer.

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Chemistry a part of Lady A's success

Lady Antebellum, 02 Academy, Birmingham

COUNTRY music remains deeply unfashionable in the UK but the likes of Lady Antebellum and Taylor Swift are challenging that.

Much of the Tennessee trio's success can be attributed to their quality songs and the chemistry between singers Charles Kelley and Hillary Scott.

The mellow tones of Kelley and purity of Scott are complementary and they come closer and closer together in the love songs until on Just A Kiss they looked about to seal the moment – and the lights blacked out. Nice theatrical touch.

Kelley, in jeans and T-shirt, paced the stage like a rocker and Scott, splendid in sparkling sequins, came into her own on American Honey. Third member Dave Haywood impressed on guitar, mandolin and piano.

Fresh from supporting Bruce Springsteen in London, Lady A were playing the last date of their UK tour and seemed genuinely humbled by their rousing reception. Their 90-minute set reached a satisfying conclusion with the inevitable encore of Need You Now.

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Design fun for young offered

THE FRIAR Park Millennium Centre in Wednesbury is holding an open day for youngsters on Saturday.

Activities at the event include T-shirt and cap design workshops, a DJ activity, team games and the chance to be a fireman.

For more information or to book a place at the Friary Park Road centre contact Sarah Clews on 08453528418 or email sarah_clews@sandwell.gov.uk.

Gig marks return of comedy club

THE monthly comedy club The Laughing Sole returns to The Public in West Bromwich on August 8.

It will be headlined by John Ryan and one of Britain's finest deaf comics, Steve Day, and West Bromwich's Karen Bayley, the first ever female winner of the prestigious Comedy Store King Gong award. The show starts at 8pm and tickets are £8.50 or £9.50 on the door.

Call for members

WEDNESBURY Sons of Rest is appealing for new members. Bill Archer, president of the Foley Street group, said 30 years ago there were 45 regular members but now there are 12. The decline is partly because many longstanding members are elderly. The club was formed for people to meet, play snooker and cribbage. Details on 0121 532 6338.

Coronation Street reunion for Grand's panto stars

ONE of the most well-loved TV soap couples will be reunited on stage at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre this year as it was announced Ken Morley has joined the pantomime cast.

Ken, best known for playing Reg Holdsworth in Coronation Street, will be teaming up in Jack and the Beanstalk with Benidorm and Loose Women star Sherrie Hewson, who played his on-screen wife Maureen in the soap.

The couple's comedy partnership on Corrie delighted audiences during the 1990s.

Actor and comedian Ken will play The King.

Tamworth-based singer Niki Evans, who shot to fame on The X-Factor, returns for her third Grand Theatre panto as The Fairy. Highly-rated pantomime performer Nigel Ellacott joins the line-up as Jack's mother, Dame Trott.

Orville

Already announced for the star-studded show is Keith Harris, with his sidekicks Orville the duck and Cuddles the monkey.

The actor playing the lead role of Jack has yet to be announced.

Jack and the Beanstalk will open on December 8 and runs until January 20. It is already proving a hit with more than 14,500 tickets having been pre-booked.

Sherrie Hewson (centre) and Ken Morley (centre right) make it a Coronation Street reunion in Wolverhampton Grand's panto Jack and the Beanstalk. Also in the cast are, left, Niki Evans, Keith Harris and, right, top panto dame Nigel Ellacott. More than 14,500 tickets have been booked with more than four months to curtain up

Elbow room at the NIA

BRIT and Mercury Music Prize winning Bury rock band Elbow are going to be in concert at Birmingham NIA in November as part of their UK tour.

Tickets – priced £29.50 plus fees – go on sale tomorrow (Friday) from 9am via www.theticketfactory.com or 0844 338 8000.

Olympic

The band, fronted by Guy Garvey, have composed the theme music for the BBC's Olympic coverage, entitled First Steps.

Elbow's debut UK arena tour in 2011 sold out and they've even launched their own beer. Dead in the Boot, their B-sides album, is due out next month.

Hall is venue for Motown

AN EVENING of Motown music was taking place at Wednesbury Town Hall tonight.(Thursday) It runs from 6pm to 10pm at the Holyhead Road venue. Tickets cost £5 and include a buffet.

And a night of soul and motown will be held at Thimblemill Library, Smethwick on August 4 and includes a live soul band and open mic.

It runs from 6.30pm to 9.30pm and entry is priced £5 for adults and free for those aged under 16. Call 0121 429 2039 to book.

Puppet-making for youngsters

WEDNESBURY Museum and Art Gallery are holding a series of children's puppet making workshops.

The Chinese Dragon Puppets workshops will be held at the Holyhead Road venue from today (Thursday) until Saturday.

Parents are asked to contribute £1 for every puppet made.

Church tabletop

A TABLETOP sale will take place at Wesley Chapel Methodist Church in West Bromwich to raise money for repairs. Jewellery, household goods and china will be available at the High Street church this Saturday (July 28) from 10.30am. Tea and coffee will also be served.

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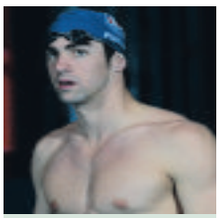

Michael Phelps

Olympics 2012
BBC1, 7pm
Gary Lineker presents all the key action live on the opening evening of the eagerly anticipated London Games. Much of tonight's focus will be on the swimming at the Aquatics Centre. Proceedings get under way with Michael Phelps looking to add to his record 14 Olympic golds when he competes in the 400m individual medley final. Away from the pool, men's bantamweight and middleweight boxing will take place at the ExCel London, with Luke Campbell and Anthony Ogogo genuine medal contenders for Great Britain in the respective divisions.

BBC1

6.00 Olympic Breakfast. A round-up of national and international news. **9.00** Olympics 2012. Mishal Husain introduces coverage of the opening rowing and swimming heats, along with news from the men's cycling road race and the women's 10m air rifle. **11.30** Olympics 2012. Including further coverage of the rowing and swimming heats. **1.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Olympics 2012. Jake Humphrey presents coverage of the conclusion to the men's cycling road race, which culminates in a finish on the Mall. **4.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.00** Olympics 2012. Coverage of this afternoon's archery and tennis.

7.00 Olympics 2012. Gary Lineker presents coverage on the opening evening of the Games, featuring the first four swimming finals at the Aquatics Centre and the latest men's bantamweight and middleweight bouts at the ExCeL London. The schedule features the 7.30 men's 400m individual medley final, 7.40 women's 100m butterfly semi-finals, 7.49 men's 400m freestyle final, 8.09 women's 400m individual medley final, 8.30 men's 100m breaststroke semi-finals and 8.50 women's 4x100m freestyle relay final.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.

10.30 Olympics Tonight. A look back at the day's action and the latest live events.

12.00 BBC News. **12.10** Olympic Sportsday. Dan Walker presents a final round-up of the opening day's events at London 2012. **12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00 Film:** Run of the Arrow. (1957) **1.20 Film:** El Cid. (1961) **4.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.15** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.

6.30 Flog It! Will Axon and Thomas Plant value items in Southend-on-Sea, Essex, including a Delftware bowl and a lighter, while presenter Paul Martin heads to a local museum. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army. Comedy, starring John Laurie. (R)

8.00 BBC Proms 2012. Daniel Barenboim conducts the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra in a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No 9 in D minor (Choral) at the Royal Albert Hall. Presented by Katie Derham.

9.20 Barenboim on Beethoven: Nine Symphonies That Changed the World. Conductor Daniel Barenboim explains why he believes Beethoven's symphonies are among the most powerful pieces of music ever created, as he performs them in China and South Korea.

10.50 TOTP2. Mark Radcliffe introduces performances from the BBC archive, featuring artists including Altered Images, the Who and Belinda Carlisle, as well as a song by Rufus Wainwright; (R) National Lottery Update.

11.50 Film: Jersey Girl. (2004) New love gives hope to a man trying to raise his baby alone after his wife dies in childbirth and he loses his job. Kevin Smith's romantic comedy, with Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler.

1.30 Film: Golden Door. (2006)
3.20 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.10** Dancing on Ice Goes Gold. (R) **3.10 Film:** The Spy Who Loved Me. (1977) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore. **5.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Agatha Christie's Marple. The nursery rhyme Sing a Song of Sixpence is connected to the murders of a business magnate, his wife and their maid. Julia McKenzie stars as Miss Marple. (R)

8.00 Midsomer Murders. A farmer is found dead at a sacred stone circle in Midsomer Mow and suspicion initially falls on local druids, but Barnaby is convinced greed rather than spiritualism is the motive. (R)

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Mad Mad World. Joe Swash, Kimberly Wyatt and Charlie Baker are the guests joining team captains Rufus Hound and Rhys Darby and regular panellist Rob Rouse for the comedy quiz.

10.55 Film: Alexander. (2004) A Macedonian king undertakes an 11-year campaign to create the world's most powerful empire. Oliver Stone's historical epic, starring Colin Farrell, Angelina Jolie and Val Kilmer.

1.50 The Store. Home shopping; ITV News Headlines. **2.55** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 – David Clarke Pt III. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British Formula Ford Championship. **7.00** The Grid. **7.30** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Ibiza Rocks: Labrinth. (R) **9.10** T4: Shooting Calvin Harris and Example. **9.45** T4: New Girl. (R) **10.15** T4: Revenge. **11.15** T4: Suburgatory. **11.45** T4: Summer Daze. **12.20** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.15** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 – Will Bayley Part III. (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.20 Come Dine with Me. Rebecca Ryan hosts the final dinner party in York. (R)

6.50 Channel 4 News.

7.20 4thought.tv.

7.25 The Million Pound Drop. Joe Swash and Jessica-Jane Clement finish their game, then Debra Stephenson and Jon Culshaw, and Martin Kemp and his son Roman take their turn on the high-stakes quiz.

9.00 Film: The Women. (2008) Premiere. A group of rich women rallies round when a friend learns of her husband's affair. Comedy drama remake with an all-female cast, starring Meg Ryan and Annette Bening.

11.10 Film: Red Cliff. (2008) Premiere. John Woo's historical drama, with Tony Leung Chiu Wai and Takeshi Kaneshiro. In Mandarin.

1.50 The Million Pound Drop. (R) **3.05** Southland. **3.50** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal: Gold Medal Deal. **5.30** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.30** Monkey Life. (R) **11.00** Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.00 Film:** Murder 101. (2006) Mystery, starring Dick Van Dyke. **2.45** Live Football. **5.15 Film:** Jesse Stone: Night Passage. (2006)

7.00 5 News Weekend.

7.05 NCIS. Abby babysits a bright nine-year-old while the rest of the team searches for the youngster's missing father – a survivalist wanted in connection with a case of robbery and murder. (R)

7.55 NCIS. The investigators identify the man they believe to be the port-to-port killer, and rush to apprehend him before he can claim any more victims. Last in the series. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. The latest updates from the house. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.00 CSI: Miami. The team investigates when a male escort is found murdered in a private hotel cabin and discovers the victim had been providing his services to the establishment's guests.

11.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A woman reports the disappearance of her son in a park and the investigation focuses on a suspicious man seen loitering in the vicinity – but all is not as it appears. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Great Scientists. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
8.30 Olympics 2012 **2.00** Olympics 2012 **7.00** Olympics 2012 **11.00** Russell Howard's Good News **11.30** Live at the Electric

BBC Four
7.00 The Blue Planet. The effects of tides on marine life. **8.00** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Earthquakes **9.00** Wallander: Sidetracked – Part One **10.25** Natural World **11.15** Arena: Amy Winehouse – The Day She Came to Dingle

ITV2
2.40 America's Got Talent **5.25 Film:** King Kong (2005) **9.00 Film:** Quantum of Solace (2008) James Bond thriller, starring Daniel Craig. **11.10** Celebrity Juice

ITV3
5.50 Film: The Secret of My Success (1987) **8.00 Film:** Doc Hollywood (1991) Comedy, starring Michael J Fox. **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple

ITV4
3.45 British Superbike Championship Highlights **4.45** The Cycle Show **5.15 Film:** The Great Outdoors (1988) **7.00** The Sweeney **8.00** Minder **9.00 Film:** Fire Down Below (1997) **11.10 Film:** Escape from New York (1981)

E4
3.05 Desperate Housewives **4.00** Revenge **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Suburgatory **9.00 Film:** Blade: Trinity (2004) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
3.10 Ponyo (2008) **5.15** A Walk in the Clouds (1995) Romantic drama, starring Keanu Reeves, Aitana Sanchez-Gijon and Anthony Quinn. **7.15** Jumper (2008) Fantasy thriller. **9.00** Run Fat Boy Run (2007) **10.55** Team America: World Police (2004)

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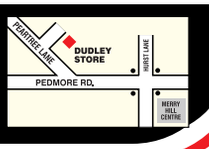

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CHOICE

Rebecca Adlington

Olympics 2012
BBC1, 7pm
Gary Lineker resumes presenting duties for the second evening of the London Games. Rebecca Adlington was one of Great Britain's stars in Beijing four years ago, claiming gold medals in the 400m and 800m freestyle events, and she is set to defend her title in the shorter distance at the Aquatics Centre tonight. However, she will have to work hard to win gold once again in this event, with Federica Pellegrini of Italy among her likely opponents.
Elsewhere, Great Britain continue their bid to reach the quarter-finals of the men's football.

BBC1

6.00 Olympic Breakfast. **9.00** Olympics 2012. Mishal Husain presents coverage of this morning's rowing heats and repechages, and the latest swimming heats on day two of the London Games. **11.30** Olympics 2012. Hazel Irvine presents further coverage of the rowing and swimming heats, along with the latest on the women's cycling road race and the start of the sailing regatta. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.10** Olympics 2012. Jake Humphrey presents coverage of the concluding stages of the women's cycling road race, which reaches a climax on the Mall. Olympics coverage continues on BBC2. **5.00** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights. Action from the 11th round of the season.
6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Olympics 2012. Gary Lineker introduces this evening's four swimming finals, along with updates on the women's hockey and men's football, both featuring Team GB. The full schedule of finals features the 7.30 women's 100m butterfly, 8.08 men's 100m breaststroke, 8.15 women's 400m freestyle and 8.54 men's 4x100m freestyle relay, along with the semi-finals in the 7.37 men's 200m freestyle, 7.48 women's 100m breaststroke, 8.25 men's 100m backstroke and 8.44 women's 100m backstroke.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News.
10.25 Olympics Tonight. Gabby Logan looks back at the highlights of day two.
12.00 BBC News. **12.10** Olympic Sportsday. **12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.05** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. (R) **12.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.15 Film:** The Man from Laramie. (1955) Western, with James Stewart. **2.55** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **3.25** Oceans. (R) **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Olympics 2012.
7.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team head to Brighton College, where objects up for valuation include a medal from the Battle of Trafalgar and a rare piece of Clarice Cliff pottery. (R)
8.00 Engineering Giants: Ferry Strip-Down. Tom Wrigglesworth and Rob Bell witness North Sea passenger ferry the Pride of Bruges receiving a complete overhaul to extend its working life. Last in the series.
9.00 The Dark: Nature's Nighttime World. New series. Biologists and camera crews explore the wildernesses of South and Central America at night, beginning by encountering nocturnal predators in the jungles of Costa Rica.
10.00 MotoGP. The US Grand Prix (Start-time 10.00pm). Matt Roberts presents live coverage of the 10th round of the season at Laguna Seca in California.
11.00 Line of Duty. Gates goes on the run, while Arnott questions Fleming's integrity. Last in the series. (R)
12.00 Twenty Twelve. (R) **12.30** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights. (R) **2.00** Sign Zone: Holby City. (R) **3.00** Britain's Heritage Heroes. (R) **3.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.20** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30 Film:** Baby Boom. (1987) **2.35 Film:** Columbo: The Murder of a Rock Star. (1991) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk, Little Richard, Dabney Coleman, Shera Danese, Cheryl Paris and Julian Stone. **4.30** Doc Martin. (R) **5.30** Doc Martin. (R)
6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 Royal Greenwich. John Sergeant explores the history of the London borough.
8.00 The Zoo. Two-part follow-up to the series about London Zoo. One keeper prepares to deliver penguin chicks, while another tries to raise awareness of a plague affecting frogs.
9.00 A Touch of Frost. Inspector Jack Frost reopens an unsolved murder case when the remains of a 14-year-old girl who went missing 20 years previously are discovered on a housing development. (R)
11.00 ITV News; Weather.
11.20 Take Me Out. A hockey champion, a drummer, a graphic designer and a gym manager try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates. Paddy McGuinness presents. (R)
12.25 Premiership Rugby Sevens Series. **1.15** The Store; ITV News Headlines. **3.05** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.55** Motorsport UK. **4.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Ironman 2012. **7.05** FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. (R) **7.35** Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. New series. A preview of this summer's Games. **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.25** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** Jamie Does Stockholm. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.35** The Simpsons. (R) **3.05** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** Three in a Bed. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal: Gold Medal Deal. (R) **5.35** Channel 4 News.
6.05 4thought.tv.
6.10 Film: 17 Again. (2009) A man's wish to be a teenager again is granted, but his mature outlook on life puts him at odds with others when he returns to high-school. Comedy, with Matthew Perry and Zac Efron.
8.00 Come Dine with Me. Olympians Mark Foster, Tasha Danvers, Derek Redmond and Louise Hazel compete in the dinner-party challenge to win £1,000 for a charity of their choice.
9.00 Thelma's Gypsy Girls. Thelma Madine invites the trainees to her daughter's birthday party, while pressure mounts at the factory as Grace attends a family funeral and Bridget storms out.
10.00 Sex Story: Fifty Shades of Grey. The phenomenon of the best-selling erotic novel.
11.00 Film: Indecent Proposal. (1993) Drama, with Robert Redford and Demi Moore.
1.10 Camelot. (R) **2.00** The Big C. **2.30** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Mio Mao. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.05** Monkey Life. (R) **10.35** Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) **11.35** Big Brother. (R) **12.35 Film:** Doctor Who and the Daleks. (1965) **2.15 Film:** Zoom. (2006) **4.00 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach. (1988) **5.50 Film:** Ghostbusters II. (1989)
7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 Once Upon a Time. Emma searches for evidence that Mary Margaret was framed for Kathryn's murder, while a flashback to the land of fairy tales reveals why Regina harbours a grudge against Snow White.
9.00 Big Brother.
10.00 Film: Bulletproof. (1996) Action comedy, starring Adam Sandler.
11.35 Film: Undisputed. (2002) Boxing drama, starring Ving Rhames.
1.20 SuperCasino. **3.50** Sons of Anarchy. **4.50** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
9.00 Olympics 2012 **2.00** Olympics 2012 **7.00** Olympics 2012 **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 Himalaya with Michael Palin **8.00** The Kenneth Williams Story: A Reputations Special **9.30** Kenneth Williams: Fantabulosa! **10.50** Parkinson: The Interviews – Kenneth Williams
ITV2
3.00 Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **4.50 Film:** Dante's Peak (1997) **6.50 Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45 Film:** The Jacket (2005)
ITV3
3.50 Film: Doc Hollywood (1991) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00 Film:** Vertigo (1958) Hitchcock thriller, starring James Stewart. **11.40** Trial & Retribution
ITV4
3.20 Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **6.00 Film:** 633 Squadron (1964) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Sevens Series **9.00 Film:** The Jerk (1979) **11.00 Film:** Midnight Run (1988)
E4
3.10 Glee **4.10** New Girl **4.40** Suburgatory **5.10** The Big Bang Theory **6.10** Revenge **7.10 Film:** Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) **9.00** 50 Greatest Plastic Surgery Shockers **11.10** 2 Broke Girls **11.40** New Girl
Film4
2.45 The Poseidon Adventure (1972) **5.00** Jungle 2 Jungle (1997) Comedy, starring Tim Allen and Lolita Davidovich. **7.00** X-Men: The Last Stand (2006) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman. **9.00** Taken (2008) **10.50** Law Abiding Citizen (2009)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Anna and the King, Channel 4, 12.25pm
A widowed schoolmistress leaves Victorian England to tutor a son of the King of Siam, only to discover his majesty actually expects her to care for all 58 of his children. In spite of disagreements and many ups and downs, the teacher gradually forms a deep platonic love for her royal employer. Period drama, starring Jodie Foster and Chow Yun-Fat. (1999)

Once Upon a Time in Mexico, Channel 5, 11pm
A crazed CIA agent based in Mexico learns of a conspiracy involving a drug baron and a military general to assassinate the president. He finds the perfect man to prevent the coup in the shape of a legendary gunslinger, who is seeking revenge on the general for murdering his wife. Thriller, starring Johnny Depp. (2003)

TUESDAY

The Fugitive, ITV1, 10.35pm
A doctor is wrongly accused of his wife's murder and forced to go on the run to prove his innocence – but his efforts to find the mysterious one-armed man he believes is the real killer are hampered by a tenacious US marshal. Thriller, starring Harrison Ford and an Oscar-winning Tommy Lee Jones. (1993)

The Fugitive, Tuesday, ITV1, 10.35pm

WEDNESDAY

Deep Blue Sea, ITV1, 10.35pm
A scientist researching Alzheimer's disease devises a way to enlarge the brains of killer sharks on an isolated research facility to help develop her theories. However, the experiments result in a marked increase in the creatures' intelligence, and before long they manage to escape their confinement – with bloody consequences. Thriller, starring Saffron Burrows. (1999)

THURSDAY

Trust, Channel 5, 3.15pm
An artist receives a series of anonymous letters and e-mails telling her that her husband is having an affair. She sets out to expose the identity of the person behind the messages, but is distracted by nagging doubts that the dire warnings may be true. Mystery, starring Jamie Luner and Steven Cree Molison. (2009)

FRIDAY

The Bourne Identity, ITV1, 10.35pm
A fishing boat crew plucks a man out of the sea with two bullet wounds in his back and a safe-deposit number sewn into his skin – but absolutely no memory of who he is or how he got there. In the search for his true identity, he is pursued by assassins – but his attempts to escape them suggest his own past is far from straightforward. Thriller, starring Matt Damon. (2002)

Pick of the Week

Toby returns on the right side of the law

Toby Stephens is not best known for his comic skills, though there were some unintentionally funny sneers from him when he played the villain in 007 epic Die Another Day 10 years ago. However, he clearly had a great time when he was cast in comedy drama **Vexed (Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm)** in 2009.

If you missed that first run when it aired a year later, it centred on Jack Armstrong and Kate Bishop, detectives who were completely mismatched. The former was one of the worst private eyes of all time, while the latter tried to do a good job, but kept getting dragged down by Jack.

Now series one actress Lucy Punch has moved on to other projects, for the first of a six-part series, Jack is teamed with new partner Georgina Dixon (Miranda Raison). She's an ambitious officer who has been promoted to detective inspector and has no reservations about expressing her disdain for Jack's sloppy approach to crime-solving.

Naturally the duo have to put aside their differences when they investigate the strange death of an egocentric car salesman. Stephens loved making the first series, not least because it gave him a rare chance to do comedy on TV instead of the dramatic roles he was known for. "It was kind of like having a vacation for me," he remarked at the time. It helped that his character was such a bumbling detective instead of a shrewd villain hell bent on world domination. "I just had to turn up every day and have fun," he smiles.

As any theatre luvvie will tell you, Toby is the son of acclaimed actors Robert Stephens and Maggie Smith. So, partly because of genetics and partly through seeing a lot of theatre when he was young, it was inevitable he would start treading the boards. He made his film debut 20 years ago in Tilda Swinton movie Orlando, and impressed many with TV hit The Camomile Lawn. Roles in a film version of Twelfth Night and Space Cowboys (in which he played a younger version of director/star Clint Eastwood) kept the wolf from the door, but it was his turn as egomaniacal Gustav Graves in Die Another Day that could have changed his life forever.

It didn't hurt that Pierce Brosnan's final 007 epic made millions at the box office and put Stephens on the map of many Hollywood casting agents who may have been indifferent to his earlier work. However, given the choice between spending days and maybe months in LA waiting for the phone to ring, and then playing generic villains in assorted epics, or working on lower paid theatre/TV work, he chose the latter. "Once you've done a villain, that's all you end up doing," he remarked. You can see his point.

Charming, good looking and most of all British, he ticks all the boxes for any uninspired Tinseltown director looking for the next antagonist for their blockbuster. Jack Armstrong may spend a lot of time vexed about his work, but his real life alter ego could hold a masterclass in tickling ribs, as this first episode proves.

Toby Stephens heads the cast of Vexed, Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

We Love the Monkees
ITV1, 9pm
Hey, hey, they were the Monkees – the manufactured boy band who turned out to have minds of their own, and whose hits have outlasted their TV show by more than 40 years. If the tributes to Davy Jones, who died in February, weren't enough to convince you that the group were more than just 'the Prefab Four', then perhaps this documentary will finally make you a believer. It tells the story of how Jones, Mickey Dolenz, Peter Tork and Mike Nesmith were brought together by US TV producers who wanted to create their own version of the Beatles to star in a sitcom.

Olympics Tonight
BBC1, 10.40pm
Gabby Logan is joined by guests to present a look back at the highlights on day three in London, as well as live coverage of the late-night events, which are beach volleyball, basketball and volleyball. The Aquatics Centre took centre stage once again, with Tom Daley and Peter Waterfield aiming for diving gold in the 10m platform final. Waterfield was looking to go one better than the silver he won in this event eight years ago in Athens alongside Leon Taylor, and 18-year-old Daley was aiming to win his first Olympic medal.

TUESDAY

Olympics 2012
BBC1, 7pm
Gary Lineker presides over the fourth evening's events in London, with the main focus of attention being on the Aquatics Centre, where four finals and three semi-finals take place. Britain's big medal hope in the pool tonight is Hannah Miley, providing she managed to qualify for the 200m individual medley final, having failed to do so four years ago. Elsewhere, updates and reaction come from Wembley Stadium, where the Great Britain women's football team played their final Group E match against a Brazil side likely to be spearheaded by one of the finest female players of all time in Marta.

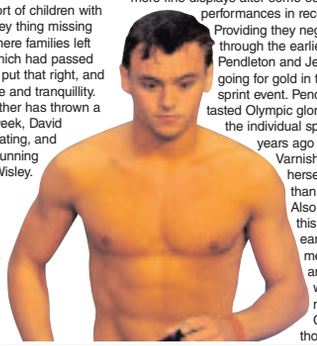
Love Your Garden
ITV1, 8pm
Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice in South Yorkshire is devoted to the support of children with shortened life expectancy. One key thing missing from the Hospice was a place where families left behind could reflect on the life which had passed on. Alan Titchmarsh was keen to put that right, and plans to create a garden of peace and tranquillity. Alas, it's not long before the weather has thrown a spanner in the works. Also this week, David Domoney investigates natural seating, and Frances Tophill checks out the stunning new wave perennial planting at Wisley.

WEDNESDAY

24 Hours in A&E
Channel 4, 9pm
This week's show features three-month-old Jaziah, the youngest patient ever featured on the series. He has been rushed in with breathing difficulties. Severely underweight and with an enlarged liver, consultant Jacqui needs to work fast to give him a chance of survival. We also meet Kerry, the mother of 18-month-old Charlie. She is awaiting urine test results which may explain why he's been feeling unwell for five days.

THURSDAY

Olympics 2012
BBC1, 4pm
Sue Barker and Jake Humphrey present as the track cycling competition begins at the London Velodrome, with Team GB hopeful of producing more fine displays after some outstanding cycling performances in recent years. Providing they negotiate their way through the earlier heats, Victoria Pendleton and Jess Varnish will be going for gold in the women's team sprint event. Pendleton has already tasted Olympic glory when she won the individual sprint discipline four years ago in Beijing and Varnish has proved herself to be a more than capable partner. Also taking place in this session are the early stages of the men's team sprint and team pursuit, with triple gold medallist in Beijing, Chris Hoy, among those set to be in action.


Olympics Tonight, Monday, BBC1, 10.40pm

The Briefs
ITV1, 9pm
What a load of pants! Well, not really. In fact, despite its suggestive title, this new series has absolutely nothing to do with underwear. Instead, it's a two-part documentary that goes behind the scenes at Manchester law firm Tuckers. It's been in operation since 1980, and specialises in criminal defence work. The company prides itself on its ability to take on a wide range of cases and clients – and this first episode certainly reflects that. Among the people walking through the doors is a 63-year-old woman who's been accused of dealing drugs, and a man about to stand trial for attempting to blackmail Coleen Rooney, wife of England and Manchester United footballer Wayne. Nicholas Jones narrates this extraordinary and eye-opening programme.

FRIDAY

Soham: A Parents' Tale
ITV1, 9pm
It's now 10 years since the murders of Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman, but many people still can't hear the name of girls' home town of Soham without recalling the poignant photo of the 10-year-old friends in matching football shirts. Their deaths and the subsequent trial and conviction of Ian Huntley caused a national outrage, but this sensitive documentary focuses on the experiences of Holly Wells' family, asking how they survived what must surely be every parent's worst nightmare. Her father Kevin and mother Holly discuss the terrible days spent waiting for news of their daughter, and how they have rebuilt their family.

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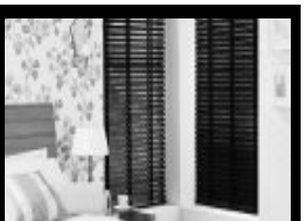
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NO 179

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 U	2 M	3 G	4 L	5 Y	6 B	7 T	8 K	9 E	10 S	11 F	12 I	13 C
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Not going away to do some checking (7)
7. Staking a greater amount, we hear - he's feeble-minded (5)
9. Perform with cat, somehow (3)
10. No serious form of enjoyment (9)
12. It may be kept on hand for the fight (6-5)
15. Throw into confusion, as a rising does (11)
17. When making his incisions, he'll leave no stone unturned! (3-6)
19. One politician can be a little devil (3)
21. Moves lightly but stumbles (5)
22. See 2 Down

Down

1. A whip to keep in store (5)
2 & 22 Ac. Look at the man in the box - he saw it all (3-7)
3. American news would be incomplete without her (4)
4. Fashion a catalogue for one who keeps strictly to the rules (9)
5. What winkers do? (7)
8. Start nothing before one is in a different ring (6)
11. This prediction could be hopelessly wrong - or so epoch-making! (9)
13. Metal bars go in a variety of tins (6)
14. Weapon required to discharge a member (7)
16. Be quiet about mother's road accident (5)
18 & 20 Dn. i.e. novel translation of "Mephistopheles" (4,3)

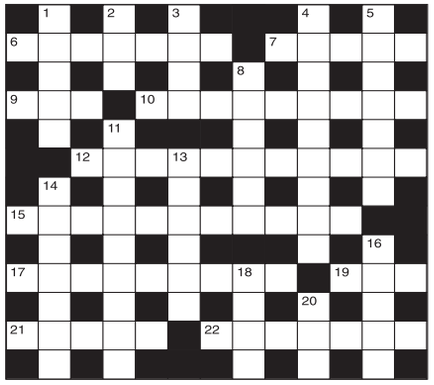
Quick Clues:

Across

6. Try (7)
7. Sham (5)
9. Clamour (3)
10. Exculpate (9)
12. December 31st (3,5,3)
15. Absolutely sure (4,7)
17. Make clear (9)
19. Fish-eggs (3)
21. Join together (5)
22. Tumbler (7)

Down

1. Peel (5)
2. Allow (3)
3. Highest point (4)
4. Wooing (9)
5. Stealthy (7)
8. Unharmed (6)
11. Lying (9)
13. Gives up (6)
14. Effective (7)
16. Sum (5)
18. Diplomacy (4)
20. Quarrel (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Crossword clue; 8 Entrance; 9 Raft; 10 Farrow; 12 Indoor; 14 Denial; 16 League; 18 Taxi; 20 Deflated; 22 Pulling a punch. Down: 1 Frontage; 2 Usurer; 3 Swan; 4 Free will; 5 Scored; 6 Buff; 11 Well done; 13 Opulence; 15 Icicle; 17 Abacus; 19 Abut; 21 Fear.
QUICK - Across: 7 Reprehensible; 8 Accustom; 9 Gang; 10 Wander; 12 Corner; 14 Stream; 16 Lodger; 18 Epic; 20 Motivate; 22 Comprehension. Down: 1 Merchant; 2 Ground; 3 Shut; 4 Inimical; 5 Linger; 6 Plan; 11 Remember; 13 Election; 15 Escape; 17 Divest; 19 Poor; 21 Tier.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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The Garlands will be open to visitors between noon and 2pm

The master bedroom has an en suite

There is a spacious lounge with feature fireplace, conservatory as well as recently refitted family bathroom

Ideal opportunity for viewing an open house at the weekend

AN OPEN day is being held at a house in Wednesfield this Saturday so that would-be buyers can see first hand the accommodation on offer.

Agents say the luxurious detached property – The Garlands – has to be viewed to be appreciated, and it will be open between 12 noon and 2pm.

It is for sale with a guide price of £180,000, and has a lounge, fitted kitchen and utility area, newly fitted en suite shower room, dining room, conservatory, recently fitted family bathroom and front and rear garden.

On the ground floor is a guest cloakroom with low flush WC and wall mounted hand basin, while the lounge measuring 19ft 2in by 10ft 7in has a living flame gas fire with fitted surround and double doors to the conservatory, which has French doors to the rear garden.

The dining room is 10ft 6in by 9ft 1in and the kitchen/diner – 12ft 3in by 9ft 4in – has a range of wall and base units with roll top work surfaces, one and a half drainer sink unit, integrated dishwasher, stainless steel gas hob, electric oven and extractor hood.

A utility area has a number of wall and base units with roll top work surfaces, sink drainer and plumbing for washing machine.

On the first floor the master bedroom has an en-suite with shower cubicle, wash basin and low flush WC and there are three further bedrooms and a bathroom with low flush WC, panelled bath with fitted shower and screen and wash basin in vanity unit.

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Innocent blooms that conceal deadly secret

As schools break up for summer and the children venture into the garden, keep a watchful eye on the poisonous plants they may be mixing with, **Hannah Stephenson** reports

Glory Lily is a summer-flowering climber, producing red flowers with yellow tips. It's corm is the most poisonous

Laburnum contains a toxic chemical, cytisine, which affects the gastrointestinal tract and nervous system

SCHOOL'S out for summer – and despite the wet weather, many children will be enjoying the freedom and fresh air that the garden offers.

You may have already considered pond safety for toddlers and the need to put potentially lethal garden tools out of reach, but curious children may also put flowers or leaves into their mouths which are poisonous, while uninformed gardeners may brush against something which sets off an allergic reaction.

Many plants give off their own warning signs. Some have an unpleasant taste which reduces the likelihood of a dangerous quantity being eaten, while others just do not look edible.

Of course there are the usual suspects to watch out for including monkshood (also known as aconitum), which is extremely toxic.

Irritant

Often planted under trees or spring-flowering shrubs at the back of a border, bearing tall spikes of helmeted flowers in blues and purples in the summer, all parts of the plant are poisonous and a skin irritant, causing burning of the lips and mouth, intense vomiting, diarrhoea and spasms.

Historically, monkshood was used by people to commit suicide by eating the leaves. Hunters in the Amazon rainforest also poisoned the tips of their arrows with it to kill animals.

Many of us have laurel in our gardens - it belongs to the family that includes apple, cherry, plum and almond. But be warned that when you chop your laurel hedge the sap gives off an unbelievably soporific effect and you may fall asleep.

Hogweed – hairs on the stems and undersides on the leaves of this invasive wetland plant carry poisonous sap. Brushing against it can leave you with large and very painful blisters – a severe skin irritant in bright sunlight

Some people may suffer an allergic reaction from the sap of some plants, such as rue (Ruta), a low-growing plant with yellow flowers.

Blistering

Its herbal uses may become insignificant if you get sap on your skin, which in sunlight can cause a blistering reaction which can last for weeks.

Anyone who has been to the famous Poison Garden at Alnwick Castle and Gardens in Northumberland will have recognised some pretty common garden stalwarts there.

Hemlock, aquilegia, autumn crocus (colchicum autumnale), laburnum and hellebores are all common plants you might find in your garden or in a hedgerow, and all have different levels of toxicity.

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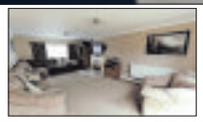

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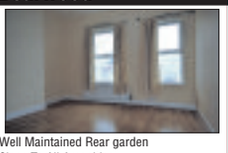

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- Popular Bearwood Location

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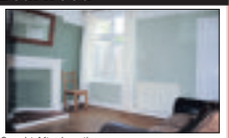

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- Two Reception Rooms
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- Close To All Amenities
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Park Road, Bearwood

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- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
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- Close To All Amenities
- Popular Bearwood Location

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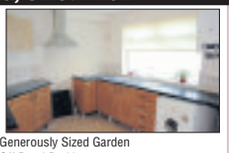

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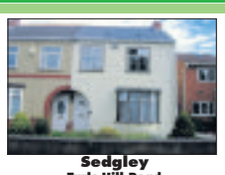

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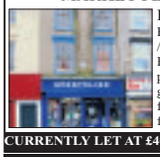
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The refitted kitchen, 8ft 7in by 7ft 9in, has a range of units with wood effect roll edge work surfaces, one and a half bowl sink/drainer with mixer tap, recess and plumbing for automatic washing machine, recess for tumble dryer, integrated stainless steel four ring gas hob with cooker hood above, integrated oven and fridge/freezer and pullout larder cupboard.

There are two bedrooms and a bathroom with classic white suite compromising P-shaped bath with shower and screen, vanity units with inset wash basin and WC.

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£135,000

West Bromwich

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£595 PCM

West Bromwich

Charlemont Avenue
Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Utility Room, Fitted Kitchen, Central Heating & Double Glazed and Off Road Parking.
£600 PCM

West Bromwich

Walsall Road
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- Downstairs cloakroom
- Hall, lounge and open plan dining/kitchen
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- Off-street parking for two cars

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REDUCED

34 OXFORD ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Modern freehold town house
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms, fully tiled bathroom and separate tiled W.C.
- Through lounge/dining room & good size kitchen
- Easily maintained gardens with off-street parking bay at rear
- Pleasant location overlooking grass reservation
- Convenient for good day-to-day amenities

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REDUCED

127 WILLOW AVENUE, EDGBASTON

- Individual freehold detached corner residence
- Superbly presented accommodation incorporating gas central heating, double glazing & alarm system
- Four bedrooms (three with range of furniture) ● Refitted bathroom with shower ● Through hall, lounge/dining room, separate sitting room, good size kitchen & fitted cloaks/WC to the ground floor
- Excellent family accommodation ● Double garage
- Exceptional size garden with good storage facilities & potential building plot ● Internal inspection essential

Offers based on £249,950

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78 WILLOW AVENUE, EDGBASTON

- Substantial semi-detached property
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Five bedrooms, one with en-suite shower
- Two spacious reception rooms
- 20ft dining/kitchen and morning room
- Many original features

Offers based on £235,000

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REDUCED

64 PARGETER ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Close Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- Mostly PVC double glazed
- Gas centrally heated
- Two double bedrooms
- Lounge and open plan kitchen/dining room
- Utility
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

Offers based on £139,950

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REDUCED

SYCAMORE ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Spacious three storey terraced property
- Double glazed and centrally heated
- Three double bedrooms
- Lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, bathroom & garden/utility room
- Popular residential location
- Close good day-to-day amenities

Offers based on £104,950

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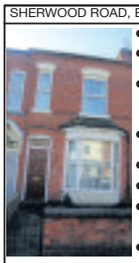
SHERWOOD ROAD, BEARWOOD



- Traditional freehold villa residence
- Double glazed and centrally heated virtually throughout
- Two double bedrooms and spacious refitted & well equipped bathroom with individual shower
- Hall, two good size reception rooms and kitchen
- Additional bathroom and W.C.
- Attractive mature gardens
- Exceptionally convenient location close to the main High Street shopping area
- Easy access Birmingham city centre

Offers based on £143,950

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BEECHFIELD ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Midway between Bearwood and Smethwick
- Gas centrally heated and virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Two bedrooms & bathroom upstairs
- L shaped kitchen
- Internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £89,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

325 QUEENS ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Double fronted freehold town house
- Three good size bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom with shower
- Spacious through lounge
- Good size dining kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.
- Off-street parking for at least three cars
- Centrally heated, double glazed and alarmed

Offers based on £104,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

WEST PARK ROAD, SMETHWICK

Substantial free hold semi-detached property, virtually double glazed throughout, four bedrooms, bathroom and separate cloakroom, impressive hallway and landing, two reception rooms and morning room, off street parking, delightful garden to the rear, internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £249,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW

26 RIDGEWAY, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms & bathroom with shower
- Lounge, dining room and kitchen
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

Offers based on £114,950

Viewing: Bearwood Offie

NEW

255 BARCLAY ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Impressive superbly presented traditional family residence
- Sympathetically improved with many original features
- Virtually adjacent to Warley Woods
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Through hall, lounge and dining room
- Superb dining/kitchen and morning room
- Four spacious bedrooms
- Refitted fully tiled bathroom
- Delightful feature gardens

Offers based on £259,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW

12 OSLER STREET, LADYWOOD, BIRMINGHAM

- Modern freehold semi-detached residence
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Lounge, dining room and kitchen
- Garage, off-street parking and gardens
- Double glazed
- Easy access City Centre

Offers based on £129,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW

47 WIGORN ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Close to Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- Easy access Birmingham city centre
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge and dining room
- Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

Offers based on £142,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

25 LEAHOUSE ROAD, OLDBURY

- Freehold corner semi-detached residence
- Close to main Wolverhampton Road
- Gas centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Three bedrooms & fully tiled shower room
- Hall, dining room and lounge
- Kitchen and utility
- Side garage & gardens to front and rear
- Off-street parking for two cars

Offers based on £149,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

TAT BANK ROAD, OLDBURY

- Traditional terraced
- 2 bedrooms
- Through lounge
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Close to Oldbury town centre

Offers based on £69,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

ELIZABETH CRESCENT, OLDBURY

- Excellently presented end town house
- 2 bedrooms
- well appointed bathroom
- well planned kitchen
- off street parking to front
- internal inspection recommended

Offers based on £94,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEWBURY LANE, OLDBURY

- Excellently presented mid town house
- Gas central heating
- Three bedrooms, two reception rooms
- Off street parking to front
- Ideal first purchase

Offers based on £104,500

Viewing: Oldbury Office

CITY ROAD, TIVIDALE

- Modern end town house
- Kitchen
- L shaped lounge/diner
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Situated close to New Birmingham Road

Offers based on £87,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

VICARAGE STREET, OLDBURY

- Modern semi which has been maintained to a high standard
- Popular locality
- Two double bedrooms, breakfast kitchen
- Conservatory, off street parking
- Internal inspection highly recommended

Offers based on £104,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

PUBLIC NOTICE

46 PARKFIELD ROAD, OLDBURY

We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of **£108,000**.

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Viewing: Oldbury Office

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Freehold 2 bedroomed end terraced Requiring improvement .....£circa 75,000

Lot 2: 110 PARGETER ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5HZ
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached, centrally heated and double glazed, but in need of upgrading .....£ circa 100,000

Lot 3: 3 TAME RISE, OLDBURY B68 0JU
Freehold centrally heated 3 bedroomed town house needing some improvement.....£ circa 85,000

Lot 4: 30 KENILWORTH ROAD, OLDBURY B68 0ND
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached with central heating, needing upgrading .....£ circa 100,000

Lot 5: 273 PORTLAND ROAD, EDGBASTON B17 8LU
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached requiring modernisation.....£110 - 120,000

Lot 6: 80 WARLEY ROAD, OLDBURY B68 9TB
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed semi-detached with 3 bedrooms .....£ circa 90,000

Lot 7: 77 MILCOTE ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5BG
Freehold 2 bedroomed terraced needing modernisation.£100 - 105,000

Lot 8: 142 BIRCH ROAD, OLDBURY B68 0ER
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi-detached in need of improvement .....£ circa 100,000

Lot 9: 955 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, OLDBURY B69 4RP
Freehold 3 bedroomed centrally heated semi-detached with detached garage .....£88 – 90,000

Lot 10: BUILDING PLOT adj. 127 RAGLAN ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 3SL
Freehold building land suitable 4 bedroomed dwelling.....£ circa 20,000

Lot 11: 43 BLEAKHOUSE ROAD, OLDBURY B68 9DS
Freehold 3 bedroomed semi with garage and room for extension .....£100 - 110,000

Lot 12: 10 CLIFTON ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6DB
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed terraced needing upgrading .....£65 – 70,000

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- Lounge and kitchen
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- Front and rear gardens

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TIPTON
DOE BANK ROAD

- Three bedroom detached property
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Conservatory
- Downstairs WC and upstairs family bathroom
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£144,995

TIPTON
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- Lounge with dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Central heating and double glazing (where spec)
- Driveway, garage
- Front and rear gardens

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OLDBURY
DOUGLAS AVENUE

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£114,995

TIPTON
HIGHFIELD ROAD

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC and first floor bathroom
- Central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Front and rear gardens

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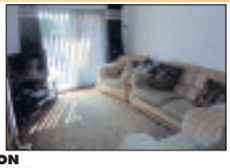

TIPTON
MILLS WALK

- Three bedroom end terrace on corner plot
- Lounge and dining kitchen
- Double glazing (where specified)
- First floor family bathroom
- Front, rear and side gardens
- Communal parking
- No upward chain

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TIPTON
PROVIDENCE STREET

- Two bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family bathroom with separate WC
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Front and rear gardens
- Private parking to rear

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TIPTON
NAPIER DRIVE

- Three bedroom detached
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Tandem garage
- Driveway
- Rear garden

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SMETHWICK
THE UPLANDS

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- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- First floor bathroom
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- Three bedroom traditional detached
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- Fitted kitchen
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- Double detached garage and drive
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- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£109,995

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WEDNESBURY OAK ROAD

- Three bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden
- In need of some updating

£89,995

TIPTON
CHATWINS WHARF

- Two bedroom bungalow for over 55s
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Communal parking
- Small rear garden

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TIPTON
BELL STREET

- Two bedroom modern mid terrace
- Lounge and fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Garage in separate block
- Front and rear gardens

£84,995

TIVIDALE
CECIL DRIVE

- Two bedroom first floor flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Garden
- No upward chain

£79,995

OLDBURY
ST JAMES ROAD

- Two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower room
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Front and rear gardens

£99,995

TIPTON
BERTRAM CLOSE

- Extended five bedroom detached property
- Lounge and dining kitchen
- Extended sitting room
- Downstairs WC
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- En suite to master bedroom
- Garage and driveway
- Double gated access for extra parking to rear

£210,000

TIPTON
ANCHOR DRIVE

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Downstairs WC
- Lounge
- En suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Front and rear gardens

£134,995

TIPTON
ALMA AVENUE

- Three bedroom detached property
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen with built-in appliances
- Conservatory
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage with utility to rear
- Block paved driveway
- Rear garden, Intruder alarm

£117,500

TIPTON
FURNACE PARADE

- Three bedroom detached property
- Lounge and dining room
- Extended kitchen
- First floor bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Front and rear gardens
- In need of some modernisation

£114,995

TIPTON
SANDGATE ROAD

- Two bedroom semi detached
- Through lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- First floor bathroom
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- Off road parking to the rear
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WEDNESBURY — **WIGGINSMILL ROAD**

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- SIDE GARAGE & DRIVE
- SHOWER ROOM/WC
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING

£124,950

WEDNESBURY
GOLDBY DRIVE

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- THREE BEDROOM
- THREE STOREY SEMI HOUSE
- EN-SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
- FAMILY BATHROOM & DOWNSTAIRS WC
- GARAGE AT SIDE
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- OPEN VIEWS TO REAR

£149,950

WEDNESBURY — **SHELDON AVENUE**

- END OF TERRACE HOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- LOUNGE & FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN
- OFF STREET PARKING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING

£114,950

WEDNESBURY — **HOLDEN ROAD**

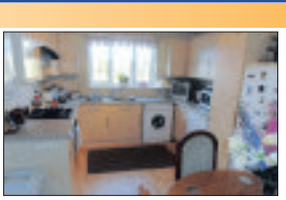
- SPACIOUS EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE.
- SUPERB REAR GARDEN
- THREE GOOD SIZE BEDROOM.
- IDEAL FAMILY HOME
- LOUNGE & SEPARATE DINING ROOM
- FAMILY BATHROOM & SEPARATE SHOWER
- WELL EQUIPPED FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN.
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£156,950

WEST BROMWICH — **THE VIEWS BUSTLEHOLME**

WONDERFULLY LOCATED DETACHED FAMILY HOME IN A SOUGHT AFTER LANE WITH DISTANT VIEWS. LARGE PLOT WITH LANDSCAPED GARDEN AND VEGETABLE PATCH. THREE EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, TWO RECEPTION ROOMS, KITCHEN, UTILITY AND DOWN STAIRS CLOAKS. CONSERVATORY, BASEMENT PLAYROOM/WORKSHOP. GARAGE AND PARKING.

£225,000



DARLASTON — **WILLENHALL STREET**

- TWO BEDROOM BUTT DETACHED HOUSE
- TWO PARKING SPACES
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM.
- WELL PRESENTED
- FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN.
- AN EARLY VIEWING IS RECOMMENDED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING.
- REAR GARDEN WITH PATIO'S.

£105,000

WEDNESBURY — **JOHNSON ROAD**

- THREE BEDROOM END TERRACED
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING AND PART DOUBLE GLAZING (WHERE SPECIFIED)
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£79,950

WEST BROMWICH — **BRINDLEY ROAD**

- SEMI DETACHED
- THREE BEDROOMS
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- BATHROOM & SEPARATE WC
- SIDE GARAGE & DRIVE
- LOUNGE
- DINING KITCHEN
- VIEWING VIA THE AGENT

£119,950

WEDNESBURY — **ROOTH STREET**

- EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED
- THREE BEDROOMS & ATTIC ROOM
- LOUNGE & LIVING/DINING ROOM
- DOWNSTAIRS WC
- CONSERVATORY & UTILITY
- FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING
- DELIGHTFUL REAR GARDEN

£225,000

WEST BROMWICH — **WHITWORTH DRIVE**

- THREE BEDROOM LINK DETACHED
- WELL MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT
- LOUNGE & SEPARATE DINING ROOM
- CONSERVATORY
- LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN
- GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
- POPULAR LOCATION
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£169,950

WEDNESBURY — **TEAL GROVE**

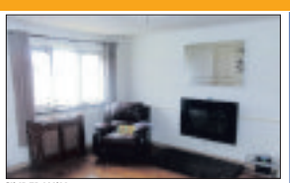
- TWO BEDROOM SEMI
- LARGER THAN AVERAGE PLOT SIZE
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- AMPLE PARKING
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£109,950

WEST BROMWICH — **THE BANTOCKS**

- THREE BEDROOM DETACHED
- POPULAR LOCATION
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN & BATHROOM
- GARAGE & DRIVE
- SOUTH FACING GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- ROOM TO EXTEND
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£169,950



WEDNESBURY — **CINDER WAY**

- GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE/DINER
- SHOWER ROOM
- ELECTRIC HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- SMALL TERRACE

£34,950 **50% SHARE**

WEST BROMWICH
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- SITUATED IN A SMALL CUL DE SAC
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATED
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- VIEWING VIA WEDNESBURY OFFICE
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- PRICED TO SELL

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Old Crescent Court, Tame Road, Oldbury
Well presented part furnished first floor maisonette, in excellent order throughout, situated within easy access of all Local Amenities, M5/M6 Motorway Networks. Offering gas central heating, double glazing & spacious accommodation comprising of:
- Private Entrance with staircase
- Bathroom with shower
- Spacious Lounge
- Private Off Road Parking To The Rear
- Re-Fitted Kitchen with built-in appliances
- Two Good Sized Bedrooms
- Realistically Priced For Early Let
TO LET £495 PCM

NEW TO LET
School Road, Yardley Wood, Birmingham
This Spacious One Bedroomed First Floor Maisonette, in good decorative order throughout, situated with easy access to all local day to day amenities, offering Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing and briefly comprising:
- Private Front Door Entrance with Staircase
- Shower Room
- Gallery Style Landing
- Allocated Parking
- Spacious Lounge/Open Plan Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- REALISTICALLY PRICED FOR EARLY LET
TO LET £450 PCM

NEW TO LET
Summerfields Avenue, Halesowen
Braithwaites Estate Agents are delighted to offer this superbly appointed extended traditional semi detached property, situated within this popular residential location and walking distance to local schools. Offering Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing and spacious accommodation to include:
- Storm Porch Entrance
- Entrance Hallway
- Double Glazed Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Pleasant landscaped Rear Garden
- Extended Fitted Kitchen with built-in appliances
- Brick Built side Garage and Driveway providing off road parking for vehicles
- Downstairs Shower Room
TO LET £725 PCM

NEW TO LET
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Braithwaites Estate Agents are delighted to offer this Luxury Modern Apartment situated in Oldbury Town Centre, with easy access to local Motorway/Rail Networks.
- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor
- En-suite Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Lounge/Diner
- Electric Heating
- Open Plan Fitted Kitchen
- Secure Parking with Electric Gates
TO LET: £575 per calendar month

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- Tenant Find
- Rent Collection
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NEW TO LET
Summerfields Avenue, Halesowen
A well presented three bed semi situated within this popular and sought after location, walking distance to good local schools
- Gas Central Heating
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Fitted Kitchen
- Superb Double Glazed Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
TO LET £650 PCM

NEW FOR SALE
New Meeting Street, Oldbury
Luxury Modern Apartments situated in Oldbury Town Centre, with easy access to local Motorway/Rail Networks.
- Two Bedrooms
- First Floor
- En-suite Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Lounge/Diner
- Electric Heating
- Open Plan Fitted Kitchen
- Secure Parking with Electric Gates
Purchase Price £94,950

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This improved terrace house on the market for £104,500

A WELL-PRESENTED and considerably improved two bedroom terraced property in Mallard Drive, Oldbury, is for sale based on offers around £104,500.

The house is in a pleasant cul-de-sac in this popular development and handy for local amenities and facilities, with the major road network enabling commuting for surrounding areas. On the ground floor the lounge, 17ft 11in by 12ft 6in, has a feature fire surround with hearth and a door into the re-fitted kitchen.

At 12ft 5in by 7ft 11in the kitchen has a range of base and wall-mounted units, roll-top work surfaces, integral oven, four-ring electric hob with cooker hood above, one-and-a-half bowl single drainer sink with mixer tap and plumbing for automatic washing machine. On the first floor are two bedrooms and a re-fitted shower room with white suite comprising shower cubicle, pedestal wash hand basin and low level flush WC.

Outside is an allocated parking space and low maintenance rear garden with slabbed patio and rear access gate.

For further details, or to arrange a viewing, contact estate agent Taylors on 0121 434 4345.

The pleasant cul-de-sac location makes Mallard Drive a desirable family property

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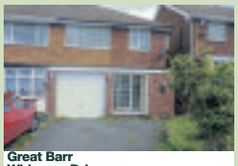
BLOOMFIELD ROAD, TIPTON
- 3/4 Bedroom
- Downstairs W/C
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Detached Garage
- SORRY NO DHSS

£725 PCM

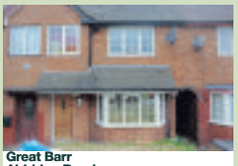
Bloxwich Vernon Way
- Two/Three Bedroom **Detached** Bungalow
- One/Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bedroom with En-Suite

£695 PCM



Great Barr Wideacre Drive
- Three Bedroom Semi
- **Open** Plan **Lounge/Dining** Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Guest Cloakroom
- Three Bedrooms

595 PCM



Great Barr Aldridge Road
- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- **Lounge●Kitchen/Diner**
- Family Bathroom●Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing●Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road **Parking**●DHSS Accepted

£575 PCM

SHELTON CLOSE, WEDNESBURY
- Detached **House**
- Three **Bedroom**
- Through **Lounge/Diner**
- Newly **Fitted** Kitchen
- Block **Paved** Driveway

£575 PCM

WHARFEDALE STREET, WEDNESBURY
- Three Bedrooms
- Two **Reception** Rooms
- **Reception** Hallway
- **Downstairs** W/C
- SORRY NO DHSS

£550 PCM

PINGLE CLOSE, WEST BROMWICH
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs W/C
- Gas Central Heating
- Detached Garage
- SORRY NO DHSS

£550 PCM

Walsall Broadway West
- Three Bedroom **Semi-Detached**
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating

£550 PCM

ROBERTS ROAD, WEDNESBURY
- Three Bedroom Semi **Detached**
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- SORRY NO DHSS

£525 PCM

CONNAUGHT AVENUE WEDNESBURY
- Semi Detached **House**
- Four bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Family Bathroom

£525 pcm

BIRMINGHAM STREET KINGS HILL
- Three **Bedrooms**
- Two **Reception** Rooms
- Off Road **Parking**
- Garage
- SORRY **NO DHSS**

£525 PCM

Walsall Kinnerley Street
- **Refurbished** Three Bed Terrace
- **Through** Lounge/Dining Room
- **New** Fitted Kitchen●Newly Fitted Family Bathroom
- **New** Decoration & Carpets Throughout

£525 PCM

DAFFODIL CLOSE, DUDLEY
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Sorry NO DHSS

£500 PCM

THETFORD WAY TAMEBRIDGE
- 2 Bed Semi-Detached
- Fitted Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£495 PCM

Walsall Waterfront Way
- Two Bedroom **Apartment**
- Lounge●Kitchen
- Bathroom with **Shower**
- Secure Allocated **Parking**
- Sorry no DHSS

£495 PCM

BEDFORD STREET, TIPTON
- Two Bedroom **Apartment**
- Double Glazing
- Secured Buzzer **Entrance**
- Allocated **Parking**
- SORRY NO **DHSS**

£475 PCM

TAME STREET WEST BROMWICH
- Two Bedrooms
- Secure **Buzzer** Entrance
- Allocated **Off** Road Parking
- Entrance **Hallway**
- SORRY **NO** DHSS

£475 PCM

DANGERFIELD LANE DARLASTON
- 2 **Bed** Semi-Detached
- **Lounge**
- **Kitchen**
- **Bathroom**
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450 PCM

THE AVENUE DARLASTON
- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Communal Grounds
- Allocated Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450 PCM

QUEEN STREET, WEDNESBURY
- One Bedroom
- Garage
- Allocated Parking Space
- Gas Central Heating
- SORRY NO DHSS

£430 PCM

LOWER HIGH STREET, WEDNESBURY
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Storey **Flat**
- Seperate Kitchen
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Viewing Advised
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£395 PCM

MANIFOLD WAY, WEDNESBURY
- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central **Heating**
- DHSS **ACCEPTED**

£375 PCM

TALBOT HOUSE, WEDNESBURY
- One Bedroom
- Good **Condition**
- Shared **Parking**
- Town **Centre** Location
- DHSS **ACCEPTED**

£325 PCM

TALBOT HOUSE, SPRINGHEAD WEDNESBURY
- **Studio** Flat
- **Good** Condition
- **Available** Immediately
- Town **Centre** Location
- **DHSS** ACCEPTED

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Lichfield Street, Tipton — NEW

Purpose Built Ground Floor flat offering upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £56,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Station Street, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Detached Bungalow occupying a corner position. Offering gas central heating, no upward chain and briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room, potential off road secure parking and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £89,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Victoria Road, Tipton — NEW

Traditional semi detached offering upvc double glazing and no upward chain. Sought after location whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, garage to rear, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £105,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Keyworth Close, Tipton — NEW

Modern semi detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Situated on sought after development whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £112,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Mallen Drive, Oldbury — NEW

Modern detached occupying a corner plot whist offering, upvc double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Good size family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility room, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, garage and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £204,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Bilston Road, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Detached Bungalow offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. L'Shape reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen (built in appliance), utility room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, block paved driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £135,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Cranmore Close, Tipton

Much improved extended semi detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and cul de sac location. Superbly presented accommodation for which viewing is highly recommended whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, side driveway, carport, side garage, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £144,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Wades Close, Tipton — NEW

Modern design 2.5 storey Semi Detached town housde offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 4 bedrooms, 2 en-suite shower rooms, family bathroom, side garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £143,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Groveland Road, Tipton — REDUCED

First Floor Apartment on a 50% SHARE OWNERSHIP SCHEME. Upvc double glazing, gas central heating, reception hall, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower & parking space.
OFFERS AROUND: £37,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Wilday Close, Tipton — NEW

Modern Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and sought after de sac location. Large family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, block paved driveway, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £173,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Catherton Close, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern middle terrace offering some upvc double glazing and no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom, fore / rear gardens, rear access to separate side driveway.
OFFERS AROUND: £54,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Belper Row, Dudley

End Terrace offering gas central heating and no upward chain. Reception hall, shower room, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, lean too, 3 bedrooms, upstairs guest cloakroom, driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £80,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Dawn Drive, Tipton — NEW

- A Modern 3 Bedroom Detached
- Excellent Corner Position
- UPVc Double Glazing & Central Heating
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £155,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Blakedon Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Chain!
- Popular Cul-de-Sac
- Gas Central Heating & Double GLazing (as spec.)

OFFERS AROUND: £119,950
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Florian Grove, Wednesbury

- A Modern 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Centrally Heated
- Double Glazed (As specified)
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Pattern Gardens, Darlaston — NEW

- Showhome Available Soon
- Shared Ownership Available
- 2, 3 & 4 Bed Homes
- 'Green' Homes

50% SHARED OWNERSHIP, £62,500
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Oaktree Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Corner Plot
- No Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)

OFFERS OVER: £110,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

College Close, Wednesbury

- A Well Presented 3 Bedroom Mid Town House
- No Upward Chain!
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)

OFFERS AROUND: £100,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

St Peter Croft, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Modern 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Located in Private Driveway
- No Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: £225,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Peel Close, Darlaston

- A Modern 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

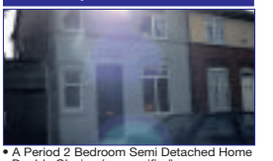
OFFERS OVER: £85,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Empress Way, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Modern 3 Bedroom End Terrace Home
- No Chain!
- Double Glazed & Gas Centrally Heated
- Spacious & Secluded Plot

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hobs Road, Wednesbury



- A Period 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Darby Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom, Extended Semi
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Chain!
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hydes Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Modern & Individual 5 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain!
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: £250,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Vicarage Road, West Bromwich

Paul Dubberley & Co are now in receipt of an offer of £65,000 for 86 Vicarage Road, West Bromwich. All increased offers must be received within 5 days of this publication.
OFFERS AROUND: £72,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Wiltshire Way, West Bromwich

PUBLIC NOTICE: 28 Wiltshire Way, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B71 1JS. We are acting for the mortgagees and have recieved an offer of £90,000 on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling before an exchange of contracts takes place.
OFFERS OVER: £99,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Warstone Drive, West Bromwich — NEW

A Rare Opportuntiy to Purchase this Delightful Detached Property within the highly sought after cul de sac of Warstone Drive. Excellent Views. Walking distance to Dartmouth Park. Benefitting from Majority Double Glazing, Central Heating, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain.
OFFERS AROUND: £249,950
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Palmerston Drive, Oldbury — NEW

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Hollyhedge Road, West Bromwich

★★★ 3 Large Bedrooms ★★★. A Spacious Mid Terraced House benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Porch, Enclosed Vestibule, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, Conservatory, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Rear Garden and Block Paved Off Road Parking. Excellent Location for Local Transport Links, Schools and other Local Amenities.
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Hall Crescent, West Bromwich

A Delightful Extended End Terraced House. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Through Lounge/ Diner, Extended Kitchen, Conservatory, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking.
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All Saints Way, West Bromwich

A recently refurbished 3 bedroom mid terraced house. Excellent location for Sandwell Hospital. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Briefly Comprising Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Refitted Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Good Size Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking to Front.
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Bustleholme Lane, West Bromwich

An Extended Traditional Semi Detached House which has been extensively improved on by the current vendors. Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Enclosed Porch, Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, 17ft Extended Kitchen, Utility Area with WC, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Shower Room/ WC, Garage and Driveway Off Road Parking.
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Hartland Road, West Bromwich

A Delightful Extended Detached House offering Central Heating and Double Glazing and further potential for extension (subject to planning permission). Accommodation Comprises- Integral Porch, Hall, 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen with Large Pantry, Ground Floor Wet Room/ WC, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom & Separate WC, Rear Garden, Garage and Driveway Off Road Parking.
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Francis Ward Close, West Bromwich

★★ 3 Double Bedrooms ★★ The Vendors have recently upgraded the carpets, windows and driveway. A Semi Detached offering Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Double Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Rear Garden with Large Storage Shed, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
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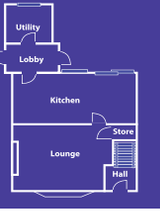

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A well presented traditional three bedroom detached bungalow set on a prominent corner plot in a popular location with easy reach of the town centre the property offers a spacious layout and good standard of accommodation which briefly comprises of Lounge, Open plan fitted dining kitchen, Three good size bedrooms with two ensuite and family bathroom, ample parking for several cars with gated access. No Dss

£950 pcm

Newcomen Drive Tipton

A modern 4 bedroom detached property offering a spacious layout and in a popular residential nieghbourhood the property makes an ideal family home and briefly comprises of Two good size reception rooms, Fitted kitchen, Guest wc, Family bathroom, En suite to master, Garage, Dg and Gch. No Dss.

£695 pcm

Gospel Oak Road Tipton

A Well appointed three bedroom extended bay fronted detached residence offering a popular location and comes fully furnished and briefly comprises of Reception hallway, Extended through lounge , Fitted Kitchen, Dining room, Three good size bedrooms, Large rear garden, Driveway, Dg and Gch No Dss.

£695 pcm

Heritage Way West Midlands

A well presented modern extended 3 bedroom property offering a well planned spacious layout and a good standard of accommodation and would make a comfortable family home. Briefly comprising of Two reception rooms, Dining room, Modern fitted kitchen, Guest wc, Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Private rear garden, Ample parking, Double glazing and gas central heating.

£675 pcm

Europa Gardens Wolverhampton

A brand new three bedroom semi detached set on this popular residential development, Built by Persimmon homes just a short distance to Wolverhampton city centre. This impressive property offers a high standard of accommodation throughout and internal viewing is essential to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted breakfast kitchen, Guest wc, Three bedrooms, Ensuite to master bedroom, Garden, Garage, Dg and Gch.

£650 pcm

Bedford Road West Bromwich — NEW

A Modern Three Bedroom Detached House. No Upward Chain. Central Heating and Double Glazed. Accomodation Comprises Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room, Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room/ WC, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking Leading to Integral Garage.

£650 pcm

Kiniths Way West Bromwich — NEW

A well presented three bedroom traditonal bay fronted semi detached property, set in a desirable residential nieghbourhood with easy access to West Bromwich and local shops. Briefly comprises of Lounge, Dining room, Modern refitted kitchen, Three good size bedrooms, Private rear garden, Dg and Gch.

£650 pcm

Parkes Hall Road Dudley

A superbly presented three bedroom modern town house, offering a popular location close to excellent transport links and amenities the property is finished to a very high standard and internal viewing is essential to fully appreciate. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Guest wc, Three good size bedrooms with en suite to master, Garden, Dg and Gch.

£625 pcm

St Martins Drive Tipton

Modern Semi Detached offering upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Situated on a sought after development whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, through lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, good size driveway and rear garden. No Dss

£575 pcm

Evans Street Willenhall

TO LET: A much improved and upgraded 3 bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of quiet cul-de-sac location, UPVC double glazing, gas central heating. This splendid refurbished property briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, spacious through lounge/diner, re-fitted kitchen, laundry room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, off road parking, garage and rear gardens

£550 pcm

Baptist End Road Dudley

A much improved three bedroom refurbished property, offering a popular residential location. This impressive property offers a spacious layout and is finished to a high standard making internal viewing essential to fully appreciate the level of accommodation which briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Three bedrooms, Refitted bathroom, Guest wc, Private rear garden, Driveway, Double glazing and •span id="RadESpellError_5"

£550 pcm

All Saints Way West Bromwich

A spacious three bedroom semi detached property, situated in a good location within walking distance to West Bromwich town centre. The property is in good condition an offers a spacious layout and would a comfortable family home which briefly comprises of Lounge, Open plan modern fitted kitchen, Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Garden, Dg and Gch. No DSS

£550 pcm

Hobart Road Tipton

A modern three bedroom town house offering a spacious and well planned layout the property is in excellent decorative order throughout and would make a comfortable family home. To include Reception hallway, Lounge, Modern well equipped fitted kitchen, Guest Wc Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Garden, Dg and Gch. No DSS £550pcm

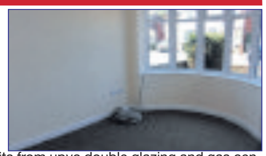
£550 pcm

Cygnet Close

A well presented modern first floor apartment, situated in a most desirable neighbourhood close to excellent local amenities on the western outskirts of Wolverhampton. The property is set in a gated development and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Fitted bathroom, Dg and Parking. No Dss.

£525 pcm

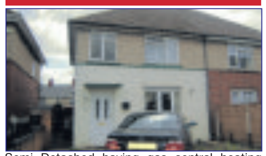
Kempson Avenue



An immaculate semi detached which benefits from upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises: Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Area, Re Fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens.

£525 pcm

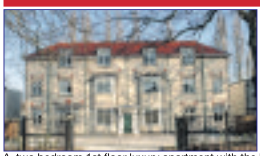
Cherry Road Tipton

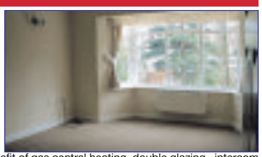


Semi Detached having gas central heating & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front & rear garden. Dss considered

£525 pcm

63-65 Bustleholme Lane





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£525 pcm

Portland Road Edgebaston

A traditional one bedroom apartment situated in a popular location with easy access to Birmingham city. The property offers a spacious layout and briefly comprises of Lounge with open plan kitchen, Bathroom, Double bedroom and communal entrance. No Dss

£500 pcm

Catherton Close Tipton

Modern Semi Detached with upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, side driveway, fore / rear gardens.

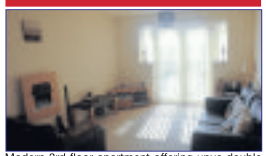
£495 pcm

Dilloways Lane Willenhall

A three bedroom traditional semi detached property, offering a spacious layout and good standard of accommodation and easy access to transport links. The property briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Three bedrooms, Bathroom, Parking, dg and Gch. Dss Considered.

£495 pcm

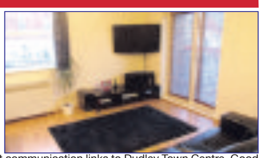
Harper Grove Tipton



Modern 3rd floor apartment offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, security entrance doors and no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, allocated parking.

£495 pcm

Attingham Drive



A Fabulous Modern First Floor Apartment with excellent communication links to Dudley Town Centre. Good position for local amenities. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall with Intercom, Open Plan Lounge with Balcony, Kitchen/ Diner with integrated Oven &
Hob, Washing Machine & Dishwasher, Master Bedroom with Balcony and fitted wardrobes, good size 2nd bedroom, Bathroom/ WC. Allocated Parking Space within Communal Car Park Area.

£495 pcm

Toll End Road Tipton — NEW

Improved / Renovated Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating. Spacious accommodation & briefly comprising, lounge, inner hallway, cellar, sitting room, new fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, utility area, 2 bedrooms, new bathroom with shower, enclosed yard & rear garden. Viewing 0121 522 3733...

£475 pcm

Dudley Road West Tipton

Modern purpose built ground floor flat with double glazing, central heating (electric). The well presented internal accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, inner hallway, fitted kitchen with built in oven & hob, 1 bedroom, bathroom and parking space.Furniture

£450 pcm

Withers Way West Bromwich

A ground floor flat which benefits frrom central heating and double glazing, and also having communal gardens. Briefly comprising reception hall,lounge, kitchen, 1 bedroom and shower room with new shower, wash basin and w/c. Viewing 0121 525 5520

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A modern one bedroom town house, set at the end of a quiet cul de sac location in a popular neighbourhood. This impressive property offers a good standard of accommodation throughout and requires internal viewing to fully appreciate the level of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Open plan lounge with modern fitted kitchen, double bedroom, refitted bathroom, and Front garden, Parking, Dg and. No Dss

£450 pcm

Eden Grove

A modern two bedroom first floor apartment, situated in a quiet cul de sac the property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom, Dg , Ch and communal gardens.No Dss

£450 pcm

Hollywell Street Bilston

A well presented modern style first floor one bedroom apartment set in a popular residential location with just a short distance from Sedgley town centre and is decorated to a high standard of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Dg, Gch and communal gardens. No Dss

£395 pcm

Harrowby Drive Tipton

Modern first floor flat which briefly comprises, reception hall, landing area, lounge, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower, parking area & lawned garden. . Viewing 0121 525 5520

£350 pcm

Vicarage Road West Bromwich — NEW

The property comprises a one bedroom studio flat above Chemist shop having the benefit of double glazing and electric heating. The accommodation briefly comprises one bedroom/lounge, fitted kitchen with oven and hob, bathroom, garage. NO DSS

£300 pcm

Salisbury House West Bromwich — NEW

★★★★★UNDER APPLICATION★★★★★ The property comprises a first floor studio appartment which, has recently been re decorated throughout and having bedroom/lounge, bathroom, electric heating, kitchen, parking space.

£295 pcm

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Sparkling line-up to celebrate the jubilee

By John Griffiths

THE Queen's Diamond Jubilee has been the big news and cause for celebrations throughout the country this summer.

And there was extra cause to mark Her Majesty's reign among workers at Land Rover's Solihull factory, who have been supplying vehicles to the Royal Family for almost all of those 60 glorious years.

Some of these formed part of a special exhibition at the Motor Heritage Centre at Gaydon, Warwickshire, to mark the jubilee – and were later brought out for fortunate members of the press to drive.

I tried a classic 1995 long wheelbase Range Rover, which bore no special markings because it was the private transport of the late Queen Mother. Its extra eight inches of wheelbase over the standard model was devoted to extra legroom in the rear, and it came with running boards acting as steps either side, as well as the ability to lower its air suspension to make getting in and out easier (now a standard feature).

Expert

I took it around the museum's grounds in the chauffeur's position, as well as trying out the rear seats with a Land Rover expert at the controls.

One of the oldest vehicles in display was a 1954 Series 1 Land Rover modified by the company's special vehicle operations team. The body had a open-topped rear platform, with glass on three sides and opulent leather seating, to be used on state occasions so that the British people could get a good look (to save nothing of a wave) from their Queen.

It was one of the vehicles which she and Prince Philip took with them on a six-month Commonwealth tour after the Coronation.

Also among the collection was a 1983 Land Rover 110 station wagon, one of the first long-wheelbase models, which was the Queen's personal transport at Sandringham and Balmoral for 18 years before she gave it to the Heritage Motor Centre and took delivery of a new model.

Visitors to the exhibition also saw a 1958 Series II Land Rover, a Vanden Plas Princess limousine and the Queen's own 1971 Rover saloon.

The plush leather interior of the 1958 state ceremonial Land Rover. Note the umbrellas, undoubtedly necessary for an open-top royal vehicle

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